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MUCH MISAPPREHENSION AS TO POINT AT ISSUE IN ASAMA MARU CASE: STATEMENT BY CRAIGIE



KING CAROL

Carol Could Have Done Little Else

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The L'Ordre declares that King Carol could have done little else but requisition the oil wells "since Rumania is threatened from all sides."

"Rumania is lost if France, Britain and Turkey are unable to break the ever-tightening bonds," the L'Ordre continues.

The paper says that France and England had given a guarantee to Rumania against German aggression but Paris and Ankara should immediately come to an agreement to protect Rumania, whoever is the aggressor.

The paper adds that the initiative cannot always be left to Germany.

Canadian Air Attache In Washington

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—According to the New York Times, Canada has notified the State Department that, for the first time in history, she is sending a representative of her armed forces to Washington.

He is Commodore W. P. Kenny, of the Canadian Air Force, who has been appointed Air Attache to the Canadian Legation.

The New York Times says that the appointment is regarded as the first step toward effective contact of the defence authorities of the two countries.

It is reported that the United States will shortly make a reciprocal appointment.

NEW DECREE IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A decree was published for the tightening up of laws referring to the publication of information calculated "to have a bad influence on the spirit of the Army and the population."

Big Allied Air Order For U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The most expensive aircraft purchase programme ever undertaken by the United States is now under consideration by the British and French Governments involving between \$100,000,000 and \$1,700,000,000 for 8,000 to 8,000 bombers and a larger number of fighters.

Germany Starving Her Own People

SPECIAL to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Jan. 25 (Havas).—Referring to German arguments that the food blockade was inhuman, Mr. Ronald H. Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, in a radio address said, "I want to make it absolutely clear there need be no starvation in Germany no matter how long the war lasts."

"Germany has sufficient food, if the Nazis would use their plentiful foodstuffs to feed their people, not their guns."

"It is the Nazis, not we, who starve the German women and children."

Referring to the efficiency of the Allied blockade, Mr. Cross said that it must be judged not by the amount of merchandise seized but by the amount of German imports and exports "which have not left port for fear of our

Grave Affair Uncovered In Brussels

SPECIAL to the H.K. Daily Press BRUSSELS, Jan. 25 (Havas).—It is reported that the authorities have uncovered a grave affair connected with the "national defence and security of the State," in which Redists (Belgian Nazis) and sympathisers are involved. The police have questioned several persons and arrests are expected.

SMALL-POX OUTBREAK IS ASSUMING EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS—D.M.S.

"THE SMALL-POX OUTBREAK IS ASSUMING EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS," the Director of Medical Services, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, told a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday.

The number of cases reported since the beginning of the year is 61. This is considerably more than at the same period last year. The majority of the cases were small children and most of them were from Kowloon, though there were a few cases imported from Chinese territory. Three-quarters of the cases reported have proved fatal.

The D.M.S. revealed that over one-third of the cases known had been dumped in the streets.

A big vaccination campaign has been instituted in Kowloon, and will be extended with the help of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, whose members have rendered invaluable help every year by looking after public free vaccination stations.

The Medical Department, said Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, desires the co-operation of every citizen in the efforts to check the spread of the disease, and would be grateful to the general public if they would assist in:

1. Getting vaccinated immediately, or re-vaccinated if

H.M.S. GRENVILLE: 68 DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the number of missing, presumed dead, from H. M. S. Grenville, is 68 not 73.

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—"Judging from the articles appearing in the Japanese newspapers and from the statements made by the many Japanese visitors to this Embassy, I have gained the impression that there is much misapprehension as to the actual point at issue in the Asama Maru case," said Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, in a statement made here today.

"For instance, there is much talk about the stopping of the Japanese ship constituting, in itself, an affront to Japan. I should like, therefore, to assure my Japanese friends that the very last thing that Britain wishes to do is to take action derogatory to Japan's feeling."

Sir Robert Craigie, continuing, vindicated the belligerent rights exercised by the British warship against the Asama Maru.

Referring to other cases of belligerent rights by German warships against neutral ships from which British nationals have been removed, Sir Robert went on to say, "It will be seen that the only question really at issue between Britain and Japan is, whether under international law, Germans of military age returning to their country under orders and at the expense of the German Government and destined for service in the armed forces, may be removed from neutral ships, or whether such an action must be confined only to nationals actually serving in the German armed forces."

"That question can surely be settled between our two Governments in a more calm atmosphere without arousing anger on either side."

"It is in this hope that I have wished an attempt on this brief definition of the points at issue as they appear to me," Sir Robert concluded.

NATIONAL FEELING

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The stopping of the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru by a British cruiser on January 21 and the removal of 21 Germans from the vessel again came up for discussion at this morning's press conference.

A spokesman of the Navy Ministry, in upholding the Japanese

The spokesman said that it was very regrettable that the British Navy took action calculated to "injure the prestige of the Japanese Navy at the very entrance of the gates to the Japanese capital."

He criticised the discourtesy of the British warship and the British captain in not disclosing their identities.

The Navy spokesman added that the captain of the Asama Maru had been retired for unseamanlike behaviour in not refusing to surrender the Germans.

Parallel to the Anglo-Japanese negotiations he revealed that the Japanese Navy were making preparations to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

In conclusion, the spokesman expressed the hope that the British Government would give its policy full reconsideration.

Tatsuta Maru Was Stopped

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The captain of the N. Y. K. liner Tatsuta Maru states that the vessel was not searched, according to a Honolulu message.

The captain confirmed the report that the vessel was stopped but declined to make a statement on the nationality of the warship.

JAPANESE PARLEY IN BUDAPEST

BERLIN, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A conference of Japanese Ministers to the Balkan and Danube States and the Ambassadors to Turkey and Italy will be held in Budapest on Jan. 28 and 27, according to a Rome dispatch to the German News Agency.

POPE'S PEACE EFFORTS

BELGRADE, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—According to the Politika, Berlin correspondent, the conference will discuss the general situation in Europe with special reference to the attitude of neutrals and the peace efforts of the Pope and President Roosevelt.

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JAPANESE IN NORTH HUPEH IN FULL RETREAT: HEAVY CHINESE ATTACK SUCCEEDS

Salvation Army Feed Beggars In Shanghai

SPECIAL to the H.K. Daily Press SHANGHAI, Jan. 25 (Havas).—A "rice bus" of the Salvation Army is touring the poorest districts of the city feeding beggars whose plight is most pitiful especially since the cold spell of the last few days.

The bus usually stops at the openings of lanes after which "advance scouts" go through the lanes afoot to give food tickets to every bonafide beggar shivering on the pavement.

Workers carrying rice follow and distribute the rice only to those with a ticket.

The measure aims to secure that only genuine beggars get food since, among the hundreds who swarm around, and rush towards the bus, are many comparatively well-to-do Chinese who have just finished their evening meal.

Donations are pouring into the Salvation Army for this work.

ITALY WANTS PEACE BUT STANDS READY

SPECIAL to the H.K. Daily Press ROME, Jan. 25 (Havas).—The Popolo D'Italia, Signor Mussolini's organ, in an article today stated that the present attitude of Italy cannot be prolonged indefinitely.

"Official speeches in London and Paris leave us cold. We know what these are and we know what they would be of Italy and Europe if they won the war and if everything depended upon 'gendarme peace' of Britain and France."

"Fascist Italy wants peace but stands ready."

SINISTER IMPLICATIONS OF WANG PACT BITTERLY CRITICISED BY CHIANG

CHUNGKING, Jan. 24 (Central).—The sinister implications of the agreement signed between Wang Ching-wei and Japan on December 30, 1939, in Shanghai, are analysed and bitterly criticised by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a lengthy manifesto to the 450,000,000 Chinese.

"The agreement entitled 'Fundamental points for the Readjustment of New Sino-Japanese Relations,' Generalissimo Chiang declared, 'substantiates Kono's statement on the creation of a 'New Order in East Asia.' It is ten times more serious than the Twenty-one Demands and much more sinister than Japan's plot for the conquest of Korea."

Judging by the contents of the agreement, "good neighbourly relations" means Japan's absorption of China, "a common front against communism" means Japan's permanent stationing of troops in China and "economic collaboration" means Japan's economic domination in China.

The agreement contains, in fact, measures for creating an "enslaved China." Japan's demands for general co-operation and zones of Sino-Japanese solidarity, economic and otherwise, and paramount positions in designated areas are all aimed at the deprivation of China's independence.

It is a joke to speak of "respecting the territory and sovereignty of China" after forcing the bogus Central Government to recognise "Manchukuo" and it is an insult to China to provide for the puppet state's respect for China's territory and sovereignty, the Generalissimo declares.

Large Quantities Of War Materials Abandoned

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Jan. 25 (Central).—Japanese forces defeated by the Chinese north of Suhsien, in North Hupeh, are now in full retreat.

Remnant Japanese beleaguered at Hsuehchien, north-east of Suhsien, are facing annihilation, while those at Kaocheng and Yingchiatien, 20 miles north of Suhsien, are being rounded up.

Various important points, including Wanchiatien and Taerwan, have all been recaptured. The Chinese have reached the enemy rear by a detour and cut their retreat.

WAR SUPPLIES

The Japanese have abandoned a large quantity of war supplies, including 23 guns, 27 tanks and armoured cars and over 3,000 machine-guns and rifles.

Chinese forces in Central Hupeh continue to attack Chungsiang and Yangtzu, north-east of Chungsiang, despite a snowstorm. They have recovered two more points, Niehchiatien and Sihushan, near Yangtzu.

SOUTH EAST SHANSI

LOYANG, Jan. 25 (Central).—Reinforced by over 4,000 men, the Japanese at Changtze, in South-East Shansi, have resumed their southward drive, and are encountering staunch Chinese resistance. Japanese units at Wangfang-tsun, Kwantowasu and Chwangchen, north-west of Kaoping, have been crushed by the Chinese, who are now engaged in a "mopping up" campaign against the enemy north-east of Kaoping.

More than 300 puppet Chinese troops in Lintsin, South-west Shansi, killed some 30 Japanese officers in a mutiny and joined the Chinese side recently.

SOUTH KWANGSI

LIUCHOW, Jan. 25 (Central).—Supported by four field guns, 1,000 Japanese invaded Napei, north-east of Shangsze, in South Kwangsi, on Jan. 21, while other Japanese troops attacked Nameng and

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Millionaire German Ends Life

Former Colony Resident

CHUNGKING, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A German resident here, Herr Beck, committed suicide yesterday at his home on Second Range Hills on the south bank of the Yangtze River opposite to Chungking. His body was discovered by the servants.

Much speculation has been aroused over the motive of the suicide.

It is learned that Herr Beck was for many years an important member of the Otto Wolf firm. He resided in Hongkong but left Hongkong in August just before the outbreak of the European war.

After reaching Macao Beck came to Chungking by a specially chartered aeroplane.

Beck was reported to be a multi-millionaire with large banking accounts in Germany, Hongkong and Chungking.

"Treaty End" Today

JAPANESE - U.S. RELATIONS

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Under the caption "Treaty End," the Japan Times today published an editorial stressing the state of uncertainty and instability that will henceforth prevail in Japanese-American relations.

The journal understands that there are about 4,200 Japanese treaty merchants in the United States who will suffer enormous hardship if they are required to give up their businesses and return to the Orient, while Americans in Japan, Manchuria and China more or less total the same figure.

Pointing out that last June the foreign residents in Japan, required to register with the police, were issued prefectural permits for one year and that unless renewals were secured Americans or any other foreigners, they must leave Japan, the Japan Times asserts that "there is good reason to believe that the same practice will extend to Manchuria and, by co-operative arrangement, to the occupied areas in China."

Message To Pittman

Mr. Lee Shui-hing, President of the Canton University Economics Society, Mr. Fung Sui-min, President of the Canton University Political Science Club and Mr. Sunny Tai, President of the Canton University English Club, have jointly sent a message to Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urging him to exert his influence to defeat the attempt of the Japanese.

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GOOD SCORES AT H.K.R.A. MID-WEEK SHOOT: CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE BY L/CPL. S. G. BRIGHTY

Naval Range Staff Win Shield Semi-Final

Eighty-two members attended on Wednesday, and, in spite of the poor light, some good scores were recorded.

In the S.R. (a) class, 50 per cent. got 80 points or over, while in the S.R. (b) class 19 out of 26 obtained 90 or more points.

These included a century by L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty, R.E., which is very creditable, since he has only been shooting with this type of rifle for about two months, and a possible button by A.S.P. D. Lole, H.K.P.R., who also secured a handicap spoon.

Q.M.S. J. Bal, R.A.O.C., again came to the top of the S.R. (a) class with a brilliant 95 securing the Nett spoon. Handicap spoons were also won by Cpl. F. Cole, R.M., Cpl. A. F. Ferreira and Pte. G. A. Noronha of the H.K.V.D.C. and Pte. J. Heggie, R. Scots.

"BELLIOS SHIELD"
The Semi-Final of the "Bellios Shield" was won by the Naval Range Staff with 530 points against H.K.P. Reserves with 513 points.

The Police Reserves started off well at 200 yards securing a very useful lead of 13 points. At 500 yards, the Naval Range Staff reduced this lead to 5, and at 600 yards scored 22 more points than their opponents, thus winning by 17 points.

In the revolver shoot, Mr. Evans of the R.A.F. won the spoon with 52 out of 60.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME
On Sunday, January 28, the D.R.C. will be responsible for the programme which is a very interesting one, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. And they are very kindly presenting the prizes.

The Commodore will honour the Association by his presence on Sunday and will distribute the prizes. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

The semi-final match of the "Bellios Shield" will be fired between the Royal Engineers and Royal Air Force teams, and there will be revolver shooting, and Clay Bird shooting.

Firing will commence at 8.45 a.m. sharp.

LEADING SCORES
The leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:—

S.R. (B)
H'p 200 500 600 Ttl.

L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty scr. 34 33 33 100m

A.S.P. (R) D. Lole 2 34 35 29 98m

Sgt. G. E. Breese 1 34 32 31 97

Cpl. F. Cole 2 31 34 31 96m

Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey scr. 30 33 32 95

C/Sgt. P. Hale scr. 30 34 31 95

L/Sgt. Purn Singh scr. 32 31 31 94

Lt. A. J. Le Seelleur scr. 30 34 30 94

P.S. (R) K. C. Hoo 1 31 29 33 93

P.S.M. V. Cooper scr. 30 33 30 93

Capt. F. P. Sequelra scr. 32 33 28 93

Sgt. (R) K. C. Wong 3 31 30 31 92

Mr. A. F. Evans 2 33 30 29 92

B.M. W. Kifford scr. 31 33 28 92

Sgt. R. J. Heaps scr. 28 32 31 91

Capt. F. Sale 3 29 31 31 91

Lt. G. C. Dawson 1 30 31 30 91

Sgt. F. E. Russell scr. 33 33 25 91

S.E. (R) C. C. Chauscr. 33 29 28 90

S.I. (R) A. C. Chan 2 30 31 28 89

P.S. Chanchal Singh 3 30 29 28 88

S.R. (A) Q.M.S. J. Ball scr. 31 33 31 95m

Sgt. M. F. Rushman 6 29 30 30 89

Mr. V. R. J. Merrett 7 28 29 31 88

Pte. R. Bullen 3 28 30 30 88

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The January Race Meeting will be held at Arca Preta, Macao on Sunday, 28th January, 1940, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. approximately.

By order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

REST OF COLONY V. INTERPORT XV AT RUGGER

The following have been selected to represent the Rest of the Colony v The Club Ground XV on the Club Ground on Saturday, Kick Off—4 p.m.

Taylor (Police); Kennedy (Navy); Paul (Navy); Stevens (Navy); Richards (Army); Hook (Army); Luscombe (Police); Cuthbertson (Army); Sutherland (Army); Cullinan (Police); Cyril (Police); Taylor (Navy); Wright-Nooth (Police); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Reserves:—Carter (Navy); Fay (Police); Clark (Navy); Palmer (Navy); Berry (Army).

Government House Team Defeated

BRAYFIELD'S SIDE WIN AT BOWLS

A friendly game of lawn bowls was played at Government House on Wednesday when Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield's team defeated a team led by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, by 65 notes to 58. Detailed scores were:—

H. E's team:—W. Walker, Dr. I. Newton, J. Deakin and His Excellency (skip) 25; W. A. Cornwell, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, H. H. Peers and E. Searle (skip) 11; Col. E. P. C. Collin, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Sir Atholl MacGregor and Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields (skip) 18. Total 58.

T. H. G. Brayfield's team:—F. Pattinson, C. M. Manners, W. Geall and T. H. G. Brayfield (skip) 14; L. C. F. Bellamy, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Abraham and F. Goodwin (skip) 25; C. R. Rowcliffe, Y. Walker, G. Costello and R. C. Craig (skip) 65.

(N) winner of Nett spoon.

(H) winner of Handicap spoon.

(B) winner of Button.

Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

HENRY ARMSTRONG RETAINS TITLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—At the Madison Square Garden last night, Henry Armstrong retained his world welter-weight title, beating Pedro Montanez, the "Tropical Terror" of Puerto Rico, on a technical knock-out, in the ninth round.

The bell twice saved Montanez who was hopelessly out-fought. He was floored three times.

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WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION

The following are the Lai Wah Cup Shield and League football fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY

Lai Wah Cup Competition
Army v. Navy (Caroline Hill 4 p.m.); Ref.—Omar; Linesmen, Ip and Silva.

Senior Shield Replay
Club v. Royal Scots (Club 4 p.m.); Ref.—Glover; Linesmen, Banham and Phillips.

First Division
Kwong Wah v. St. Joseph's (Boundary Road 4 p.m.); Ref.—Stokes; Linesmen, Dove and Hobson.

Kowloon v. South China "B" (Kowloon, 4 p.m.); Ref.—D. Kossick; Linesmen, Wilson and Baker.

Junior Shield (2nd Rd.)
30th R. A. v. Kowloon (Club, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Ford.

Second Division "A"
South China v. 5th A. A. R. A. (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Hinchcliffe.

Second Division "B"
R. A. F. v. University (Boundary Road, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Minniham.

Third Division
Signals v. Royal Scots (Military, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Edwards.

12th R. A. v. International (Stanley 4 p.m.); Ref.—Horlock.

Sout China v. Engineers (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Salter.

Medicals v. Kumsons (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.); Ref.—Demes.

5th R. A. v. 24th R. A. (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Barretto.

SUNDAY
Lai Wah Cup Competition
Chinese v. Civilians (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Foster; Linesmen, Glover and Beard.

First Division
Kwong Wah v. Police (Boundary Road, 2.30 p.m.).

Referees v. Combined Press (Causeway Bay, 2 p.m. Ref.—Thorburn).

Chinese Police Reserve v. Regular Police (Boundary Road, 4 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY
Third Division
Signals v. R. A. S. C. (Sookun-poo, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Smith.

REFEREES V. PRESS AT SOCCER

The following will represent the Referees and the Combined Press in their annual soccer match to be played on Sunday, on the Navy ground, at 2 p.m.

Referees:—A. W. Smith; W. Fraser, Brackenberry; T. Gibson, P. J. King, Adlard; Carter, Salter, K. K. Ip, D. Demee, Lee Bing-tong.

Press:—B. Brokenshire; A. M. Omar, J. H. Franco; Mok Chu-ming; N. A. E. Mackay, Martin, Au Shun-gok, Minton, Duffield.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

BADMINTON.—Mixed Doubles League, Talkoo v. Recreio B.; K.C.C. v. University.

POLO.—Mounted Units of Hong-kong v. Infantry of the Line (Polo Ground, Pt. Ed.) 4.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW
CRICKET.—First Division: Army v. K.C.C. (Sookunpoo); H.K.C.C. v. H.K.U. (H.K.C.C.); I.R.C. v. Cra- genower (Sookunpoo); Second Division: K.C.C. v. Army (K.C.C.); Civil Service C.C. v. University (Happy Valley).

FOOTBALL.—Lai Wah Cup, Army v. Navy, Caroline Hill.

TENNIS.—Colony Ladies Tennis Championship, Sing's Final U.S.R.C. 3 p.m.

SUNDAY JAN. 28
FOOTBALL.—Lai Wah Cup, Chinese v. Civilians (Navy ground), 3.30 p.m.; Press v. Referees (Navy ground) 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL.—Men's Recreio Aces v. Trojans (Recreio) Noon; Recreio Bees v. V.R.C. (Recreio) 1.15 p.m.; Ball Club v. International (C.B.A.) 12.30 p.m.; Forum v. Machine Gunners (C.B.A.) 1.45 p.m.; Cannucks v. Chung Hwa (C.B.A.) 3 p.m. Girls' Ball-girls v. Wilcates (Prince Edward Road 10 a.m.; Cardinals v. Ramblers (Recreio) 10.30 a.m.; Cubs v. Panthers (Prince Edward Road) 11.30 a.m.; Cannuckettes v. Pirates (Prince Edward Road) 1 p.m.

ZIMMERN AND WEISS LEAD IN CHESS TOURNEY

E. Zimmern and K. Weiss lead in the Tournament for the Colony Chess Championship, following yesterday's round of matches, each with two wins in two games played.

Zimmern beat Sir Henry Pollock yesterday evening, and Weiss defeated A. Y. Birukoff. The other two games on the evening's programme resulted in wins for K. M. A. Barnett over A. Kurrik, and B. Blair over V. V. Kolatchoff.

The point score brought up to date is: E. Zimmern 2, K. Weiss 2, B. S. Litvin 1, K. M. A. Barnett 1, L. Blair 1, Sir Henry Pollock 1, A. Kurrik 1, D. E. de Carvalho 0, A. Y. Birukoff 0, and V. V. Kolatchoff 0.

Canada's War Programme

\$30,000,000 Worth Of Supplies Being Produced

OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A programme involving the purchase of well over \$30,000,000 of naval units and aircraft was announced by Mr. Howe, Canadian Minister of Transport on behalf of the War Supply Board.

UTMOST CAPACITY
The programme will tax Canadian shipyards and aeroplane factories to their utmost capacity, Mr. Howe said.

Orders have been, or are being, placed for forty-six steel anti-submarine boats of the whale catcher design, twenty-eight mine-sweepers, a large fleet of small motor-boats, and cars for about 4,000 aircraft.

3 MONTHS AHEAD
Mr. Howe revealed that the Inglis Factory at Toronto which was executing an order for 12,000 Bren guns for the British and

Canadian Governments, was about three months ahead in production schedule and would start deliveries in April, instead of in July.

TATSUTA MARU
LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Reports from Honolulu and Tokyo that a second Japanese ship had been stopped by the British Navy seem to have been cleared up by a wireless message to San Francisco from the Tatsuta Maru.

During the night, he reports, a warship of unknown nationality asked for his ship's name, and destination by means of flash signals.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Office and Naval Officials met to discuss the British Government's action in the Asama Maru case.

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Roosevelt Re-Election Opposed

LABOUR LEADER ALLEGES BREACH OF FAITH

COLUMBUS, (Ohio), Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The view that President Roosevelt would not be nominated for re-election to the Presidency was expressed by Mr. John Lewis, Labour Leader, in a bitter attack on the Democratic Party's administration, before the United Mine Workers' Convention.

BREACH OF FAITH
He declared that the Democratic Party had failed to keep faith with Labour.

He added: "Should the Democratic Party be coerced or dragged into nominating President Roosevelt, I am convinced that, with the conditions now confronting the nation and the dissatisfaction which is permeating the minds of the people, his candidacy would result in an ignominious defeat."

U.S. MINISTER TO CANADA
OTTAWA, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. James Cromwell, the new United States Minister to Canada, arrived in Ottawa on Tuesday. He was met by members of the U. S. Legation and members of the Government, including Mr. MacKenzie King, the Premier.

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SECURITY ZONE: FRENCH REPLY

PARIS, Jan. 24 (Havas)—In order that the American Security Zone defined by the Panama conference should become a reality, it is necessary for the American Governments to guarantee that Germany will not send warships or supply-ships inside the defined zone—this is the main idea in the French answer to the Panamanian Government's communication on Dec. 23.

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COMING EVENTS

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26—Tides: High 10.49 a.m. and 10.17 p.m. Low 4.39 a.m. and 3.39 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.07 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club: Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

R.F. Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Invitation Dance in King George's Hall at Sallors Home & Mission to Seamen, 8.30 p.m.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4.15 p.m.

T.M.C.A.: Badminton (all day).

Chess Club, Delta Ping-Pong and Billiards: Concert, 8.30 p.m.

Inst. of Engineers and Shipbuilders: Lecture on "Optical Methods of Measuring Distance," Prof. F. A. Redmond, 6 p.m.

Cathedral Hall: First Aid Lecture, 5.30 p.m.

Eliza May Inst.: Christian Fellowship, 10.30 a.m.

Toc H. Chatter Room, St. Andrew's, 6.45 p.m.

Christ Church: Vicarage, Annual Mtg. of V.D.M.A. Group, 6 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

27—Tides: High 11.30 and 11.01 p.m. Low 5 a.m. and 4.20 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.08 p.m.

Third Round of Stubbs Shield Golf Competition due to be completed.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Lai Wah Cup Football (Army v. Navy), Caroline Hill.

Colony Ladies Tennis Championship Singles Final, U.S.R.C., 3 p.m.

Cottage Club: Slow Cavalcade for Beginners, 3.30 p.m.

Dedication of Pentecostal Tabernacle, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, 3 p.m.

R.E.W.O.'s and Sergts. Mess: Whist Drive and Dance, 8.30 p.m.

28—Tides: High 12.10 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 5.45 a.m. and 5.16 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.08 p.m.

H.K. Riding School Gymkhana, 10 a.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Micro Races.

Lai Wah Cup Football (Civilians v. Chinese), Causeway Bay.

St. Andrew's Church—1st Kowloon Scouts Church Parade, 11 a.m.

Softball League.

H.K. Golf Club: Semi-final of Captain's Cup (1939) due to be completed.

Chinese Methodist Church, Wanchai: Address by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, 12 noon.

Soccer: Combined Press v. Referees, Navy Ground, 2 p.m.

29—Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4.15 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

First H.K.V.D.C. Camp ends.

30—Second H.K.V.D.C. Camp Start at Fanning.

H.K. Rotary Club Tim Mtg., 1 p.m.

31—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries close for Trinity College of Music Practical Examination.

Nominations for Urban Council.

Eckford To Hang Or Not?

SIR CLARK KERR TO DECIDE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23 (Reuter by Mail)—Following the recommendation to mercy by the jury of Private David Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who was recently found guilty of murder and sentenced to death in the British Supreme Court, the judicial report of the case, together with the jury's recommendation, have been forwarded to the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr. The Ambassador will have to make the final decision as to whether the jury's recommendation should be adopted or Private Eckford be hanged.

He will be guided in his decision by the report and observations of the Judge, Sir Allan Mossop, and counsel, and his decision will be final.

The sentence of death will not be carried out until the Ambassador's confirmation is given.

Meanwhile, Private Eckford is in the condemned cell at the Municipal Council's Ward Road Gaol.

If his death sentence is commuted to life imprisonment, he will probably be sent home to England to serve his sentence.

The War Minister, asked in the House of Commons whether he was prepared to allow the enlistment in the British Army of friendly Czech citizens, said that any could hold a commission or be entered for enlistment in any of His Majesty's Forces as if he were a British subject. Czechs were being encouraged to enlist in the Czech French Legion. —(BWS).

The Prime Minister, in the House of Commons on Tuesday, said he was not aware that any desire for Zionist settlements existed and was not prepared to make arrangements for one. —(BWS).

The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday evening.

Radio Programmes

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HELEN LOCKHART AND SHAW FROM THE STUDIO

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music by the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Swing (from "Public Nuisance No. 1"); Moon Over Miami.

Fox-Trots—Radio Times; The Phantom of a Song; Waltz-Lovely Lady (film "King of Burlesque"); Fox-Trot—Alone at a Table for Two.

Fox-Trot—Cling to Me; Slow Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (film "Her Master's Voice"); Fox-Trot—Jack-in-the-Box.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Maria Eggerth (Soprano) and New Mayfair Orchestra.

Look and Love (film "Love's Melody"); Love's Melody (from the film); Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orch.

"The Love Race"—Selection; "Charlotte's Masquerade"—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra.

Globe-Trotting With The Tiger (arr. Phil Green); New Mayfair Orchestra.

When I Am Happy (from the film); Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orch.

Dance Medley—Intro: I've got you under my skin; Goodnight, my love; May I have the next romance with you; Bo-Hoo; Reunites from Heaven; When by dream boat comes home—New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Grieg.

Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin); Norwegian Dance in D Major, Op. 35—Gustave Cloez and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Paris.

6.00 Compositions of Massenet.

Elegie—Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra; Cello Solo by Krabinsky.

Traie—Meditation—Mitscha Elman (Violin) with Piano accomp. O Nature, Full of Grace—Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orch. "Le Cid" Ballet Music—New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

6.27 Light French Songs by Tino Rossi and Lys Gauty.

Tchili Tchili (Scotti and Others); Le Bonheur N'est Plus Un Reve (Poterat and Colson)—Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. A Song Selection—Intro: "Ca sent la friture; J'aime tes grands yeux; Qui, j'aime; Le bistrot du port; Le chaland qui passe; Le moulin qui jase; A Paris dans chaque faubourg." Lys Gauty with Orchestra. "Au 12 De L'Amour (film "Lumieres de Paris"); Volet Paris (film "Lumieres de Paris")—Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Chopin—Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22.

Louis Kentner (Piano).

7.03 Compositions of Mendelssohn.

Scherzo (from "Quartet in E Minor," Op. 44, No. 2); Canzonetta (from "Quartet in E Flat," Op. 12)—Lener String Quartet. Hear My Prayer—Choir of The Temple Church, London. Organist: G. Thalberg Ball.

Soloist: Master E. Lough. "A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Overture—Berlin State Opera Orchestra, cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mozart—Quintet in D Major. Pro Arte Quartet with Alfred Ebd-day (2nd Viola).

8.25 Eric Coates—Four Ways Suite. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis.

Suffering Considerable Hardships

BRITISH SUBJECTS IN POLAND

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he had any information regarding the conditions of British subjects in Poland Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 28 Palestinians, about half of whom were in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by the Soviet forces.

They were all believed to be suffering considerable hardship and efforts had been made to supply those in the German-occupied area with parcels of food through the Red Cross, but the Government had refused the necessary facilities.

As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording them relief.

The British Ambassador in

Over 8,000 In Shanghai's "Big House"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23 (Reuter by Mail)—With crime steadily on the increase in the International Settlement, the number of prisoners in the Shanghai Municipal Council's Ward Road Gaol, the largest penitentiary in the world, has for the first time in its history passed the 8,000 mark.

According to semi-official figures just released, some 8,300 people, including 120 foreigners and 200 reformatory inmates, are at present living within the confines of the four walls of the Municipal "Big House."

This number is expected to swell to five figures by the end of the year if the "badlands" skirting the Western District of the International Settlement are not soon cleaned out.

Moscow had sent the members of his staff to Lwow to organise and assist the withdrawal of British subjects and Palestinian citizens and had made funds available for this purpose.

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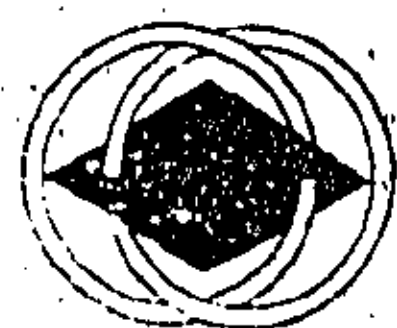
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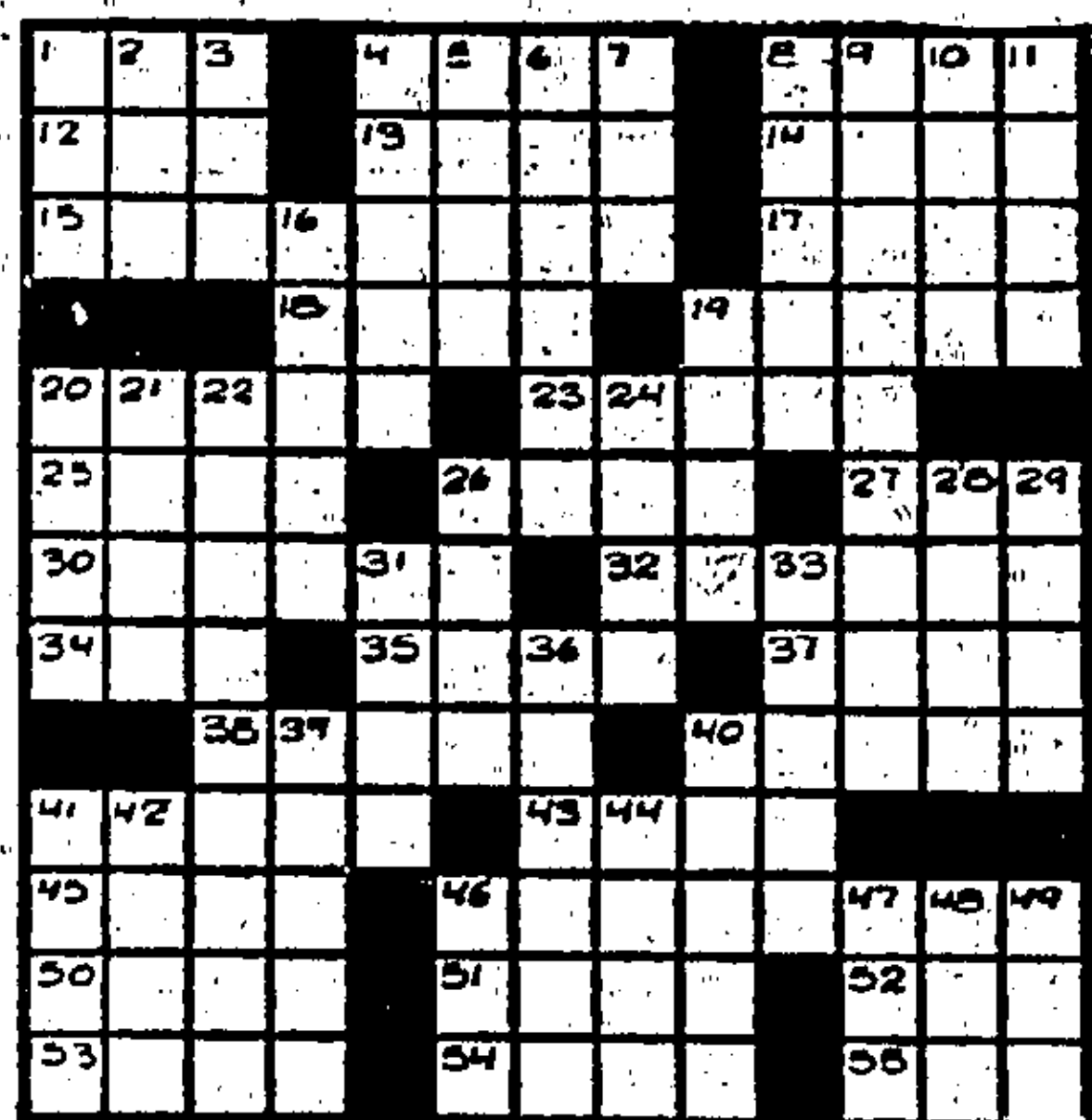
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NO U.S. AVIATION SPIRIT USED BY SOVIET RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—The State Department has cleared up the reports that the Soviets are using American aviation petrol. Only two barrels of aviation spirit were bought from the United States in the first eleven months of last year, although 900,000 barrels of other grades of petrol were purchased.

FALACIOUS NAZI STATEMENTS

EXAGGERATED CLAIMS TO LOSS OF BRITISH OIL TANKERS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—German propaganda has been making more falacious statements this time about the loss of British oil tankers.

The Germans claim to have sunk twenty British tankers, according to one paper. In actual fact, however, six of these ships were ordinary cargo ships and not tankers, while three others are still sailing on their normal courses.

TONNAGE OF SHIPS

The Germans also exaggerate the tonnage of ships sunk. For instance, the coastal tanker Africa Shell, one of those sunk by the Graf Spee before it met its well-deserved fate, was actually a ship of only 700 tons.

The Berlin papers, however, claim that it was of 7,000 tons just an extra nought.

It is pointed out in London that actually the Allied tanker position today is better than it was at the outbreak of war.

NORWAY'S LOSSES

OSLO, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—It is announced that since the war began, Norway has lost thirty-two ships of a total tonnage of 112,000 tons and 150 sailors lost their lives.

Support For Hertzog

DR. MALAN'S SPEECH IN S.A. ASSEMBLY

CAPETOWN, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—When the debate on Gen. Hertzog's motion was resumed in the South African Assembly yesterday, Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist, Republican Party, said he wanted to emphasise the view that South Africa should be neutral and not actuated by any feeling against Britain or France.

WAR REGRETTED

He very much regretted the war and the combination of nations opposing each other. If there were two European countries which should be friendly, they were Britain and Germany, who had made the greatest contributions to western civilisation and Christendom.

The greatest danger to Europe was Bolshevism.

The war between Britain and Germany had put Europe in the most dangerous situation it had been for a long time.

"We are convinced that there is no other way but to make an end not only to our participation in the war but of our British connexion."

The debate was adjourned.

VIEWS OPPOSED

Colonel Reitz, Minister for Native Affairs, said that after the flagrant tearing-up of the Munich Agreement by invading Czechoslovakia, Germany could no longer be trusted.

By that event she lost all sympathy in Britain and France. He strongly opposed the views of Gen. Hertzog on the international situation and was confident that the House would do the same.

The debate was again adjourned.

U.S. LOAN TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—The Senate Banking Committee has approved an increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit a non-military loan to Finland.

NEW YEAR GIFTS FOR CHINESE TROOPS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—Local Chinese public bodies have formed a public Fund-Raising Committee to collect \$500,000 from Chinese manufacturers and businessmen to buy gifts for the Chinese fighting forces on the occasion of the Chinese New Year.

Local Chinese are urged to dispense with the usual sumptuous New Year feasting and other public amusements.

Loyalty Of Indian Princes

PLEDGE TO HELP BRITAIN UNTIL VICTORY IS WON

NEW DELHI, 25 (Reuter)—The Nawab of Bhopal, who rules over 730,000 Hindus, yesterday expressed the determination of the Indian Princes to help Britain in the war to the last ounce of their strength and until victory is won. He was speaking at a farewell banquet to the retiring Agent of the Governor-General.

NO BARGAINING

The Nawab regretted that Indian Princes are not allowed to fight in France. Herr Hitler's war, he said, was just as much against India as against Britain.

"We have no intention of bargaining for the price of our humble services," he said, after regretting that Indian Princes were not allowed to enlist as privates in the Army.

POLICEMEN PROWL, PEER, PEEP?

REDUCED SPEED LIMITS DURING BLACK-OUTS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—The new speed regulations will come into effect on Feb. 1, reducing the speed limit during black-outs from 30 to 20 miles per hour.

RIGHT MOVE

None of the papers doubt that this is a move in the right direction. Deaths of civilians have exceeded those of members of the armed forces on active service and the death-roll has increased as the nights get longer and blacker. Many papers, however, wonder whether the regulations go far enough.

The Daily Telegraph, for instance, is somewhat scornful and asks how the Ministry of Transport proposes to enforce the 20 miles per hour speed limit during the black-outs when the number of police cannot be seen.

PEERING, PEEPING

Nothing, says the paper, can be achieved by sending out policemen armed with note-books to prowl through the night, peer through gloom and peep through the dark.

The Manchester Guardian and some other papers wonder whether it would not be possible to relax some of the black-out restrictions in order to reduce the danger to lives after dark.

NAZI AIR ATTACK ON SHETLANDS

Six Bombs Dropped: No Damage

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—Three planes, believed to be Germans, flew high over the Shetlands yesterday. The air raid warning lasted half an hour. British fighters ascended, but failed to make contact.

SIX BOMBS

An eye-witness stated that the planes dodged behind the clouds and one dived towards the harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer was moored to the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped, four of which fell in a sparsely populated district where there are no military objectives. No damage was reported.

Anglo-Soviet Relations

QUESTION RAISED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain said that he regretted he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for the issue of the White Paper dealing with the negotiations between the British and Soviet Governments, when answering a question on the subject.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Asked by Major General Sir Alfred Knox whether, in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland, the Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the decision whether, or not, to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require the most careful consideration in all its aspects. It was not one to be dealt satisfactorily in a question, and answer.

AN ASSURANCE

Answering a supplementary question on the date of the publication of Anglo-Soviet White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in publication was caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way and that the full facts would be given.

POLISH ARMY OF 100,000 MEN

PARIS, Jan. 24 (Reuter)—General Sikorski stated yesterday that a Polish Army of 100,000 men is now training in France.

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PROMINENT CITIZEN OF TAIPO ACQUITTED AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Extraordinary Story Says Mr. Justice Lindsell

CHEUNG TAI-KWAI, PROMINENT CITIZEN OF TAIPO AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE TAIPO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, who was charged before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions on three counts of robbery, attempted robbery and attempted dissuasion of a witness from giving evidence, was found Not Guilty on all charges by the jury and was acquitted.

Two other accused, Chau Hing, and his son, Chau Sung, who were jointly charged on the first two counts were also found Not Guilty.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. T. J. Gould, Crown Counsel, while Mr. D. J. N. Anjerson, instructed by Mr. E. de Barros Botelho, was for the defence.

The jury comprised Messrs. W. M. Gittins (foreman), G. M. Davaux, A. M. Tavares, H. L. Carson, S. dos Santos Sequeira, Cheung Wa-shum and M. Singh Grewal.

Denying the allegations, Cheung Tai-kwai, in the witness box yesterday, said that he was the owner of a fish stall in Taiipo. He was the kalfong of the district and was chairman of Chamber of Commerce from 1924 to 1930. He also been appointed the director of the Taiipo Village Meeting Bureau for 10 years.

He had known Cheung Fat, the complainant, for 20 years and had formerly employed him as a foh. He also knew Cheung Po for the last 10 years. He denied having participated in the robbery and alleged that Cheung Po, accused him of the crime because he had refused to lend Cheung \$10.

Accused admitted that several days after the robbery he lent \$30 Hongkong currency and \$100 in Chinese money to Cheung Po to buy a fishing net.

WAS IN SHOP

Cross-examined by Mr. Gould, accused said that on the night of November 20-21, the day of the alleged robbery, he was in the shop and had gone to bed about 9 p.m. Cheung Po was lying when he said he had a conversation with me on November 21, witness stated.

Lee Chung-chong, village elder, who had been elected as adviser to the District Court North for 10 years, said he knew Cheung Tai-kwai for 20 years and that there was nothing wrong with Cheung.

Chan Ping-kam, another village elder, also testified that Cheung Tai-kwai was a respectable person.

Yau Choi, employed by the third accused, said he had been with Cheung for four years and Cheung had seldom gone out at night. On the night of November 20, Cheung went to bed about 9 p.m. witness had the only key to the iron grill which was entrusted to him when he first was employed at accused's shop. There was only one door in the premises and when Cheung desired to go out he had to ask witness.

Witness did not hear of the robbery in Wong Yu Tan on Nov. 20. He would know, he said, if the third accused (his master) had gone out that night, because it was his custom to tell him when leaving the shop.

JEKYLL AND HYDE

Summing up to the jury, his Lordship said that the case was one of the most extraordinary stories in any Hongkong Court. The story reminded one, to some extent, of that of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—a perfect gentleman by day and a wolf by night. That was what Cheung Po said about the character of the third accused. Were it not for the fact that Cheung Fat's household had actually been attacked and that third accused did actually pay some money to Cheung Po several days afterwards, the jury would, no doubt, find it difficult, if not impossible, to believe that story. It was suggested that the story was too improbable to be true, a story even Cheung Fat had said he would not believe.

COLONY HEALTH

Three cases of small-pox, eleven cases of tuberculosis, three cases of diphtheria and one case of dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 24.

SENTENCE REDUCED ON APPEAL

ONE CONVICTION QUASHED

An appeal by Chu Shing, a cigarette maker, against conviction and sentence on charges of intimidation and common assault, was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Appellant, who was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, sought quashing of conviction by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, former Senior Magistrate, who sentenced Chu to twelve months' hard labour on two charges of intimidation and common assault on a prostitute, named Chan Fong, at Wanchai. Chu was also recommended for banishment.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown.

Mr. Loseby said that his client was alleged to have intimidated Chan Fong on November 23, assaulted her on November 26 and was arrested on December 3.

TOO SEVERE

Regarding the first charge, Mr. Loseby said that his ground for appeal was that the charge was not properly worded, because the exact threat was not mentioned. On the second conviction there was insufficient evidence. He also submitted that the sentence of six months' hard labour on each charge, to run consecutively, was too severe.

Mr. Williams agreed that the first conviction was wrong on the ground mentioned, but submitted there was abundant evidence for the second count. He added that, in his personal opinion, the sentence was too severe.

His Lordship quashed the conviction on the first charge, while sentence on the second charge was reduced to three months' hard labour.

GAOL NEXT TIME

Charged with unlawfully boarding a steamer in harbour on Wednesday night, a Chinese woman was fined \$50 by Hon. Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday.

When defendant was asked what she had to say, she replied: "I have no food and no job. I can't help it."

His Worship warned her that she would be sent to prison the next time.

"STAR" FERRY COMPANY DIVIDEND

The "Star" Ferry Company, Ltd., report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1939, is: \$501,490.57

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At the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the Directors will recommend an appropriation as follows:—

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81 Traffic Accidents In A Week

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, there were altogether 81 traffic accidents as the result of which 5 persons were killed and 23 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, three Chinese males, aged 7, 64 and 40 respectively and a 5-year-old girl were knocked down and killed by a bus, a tram, a lorry and a private car respectively while crossing the carriageway.

A Chinese male, age 29, died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of persons injured, 16 were pedestrians, who were crossing the carriageway and were struck by vehicles.

A bicycle rider and a private car passenger were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Two lorry passengers were injured on falling off a moving lorry. Four bus passengers and four tram passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses and moving trams respectively.

Of 81 accidents, 38 were collisions between vehicles 25 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 20 accidents were due to other causes.

TALLYMAN CHARGED

An alleged attempt to fraudulently draw \$1,600 from the National City Bank, led to the appearance of Tso Ping, 47, tallyman, and Chan Po-tak, 40, unemployed, before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendants were alleged to have attempted to draw money from the Bank, pretending to be Lau Lu-pui, alias Tang Lam.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the complainant. Hearing was fixed for January 30, at 2.30 p.m.

Defendants were allowed bail in sum of \$1,000 each.

WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The wedding took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, between Mr. Lim Kuen-yew, merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lim Boon-thin, of No. 92 Queen's Road Central, and Miss Li Wai-yiu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Li Koon-chun, of No. 8, Kennedy Terrace, Hongkong.

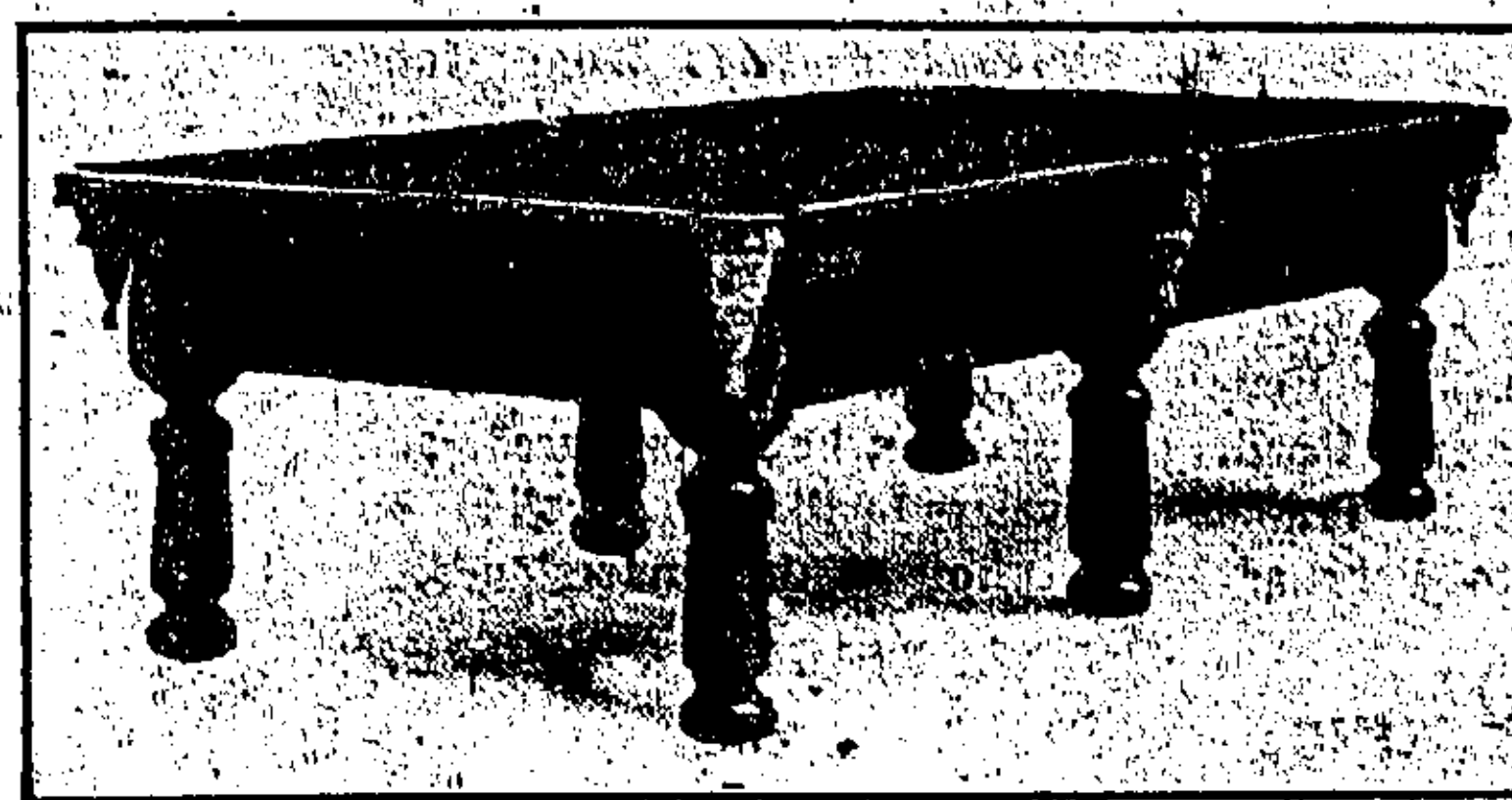
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated, and the witnesses were the respective fathers of the parties.

Mr. Tam Wa-hang, merchant, residing at No. 388, Lal Chi Kok Road, and Miss Chan Mo-ling, of No. 87, Tai Po Road, and Mr. Mak Fum-ming, of No. 6, Ning Yeung Terrace, and Miss Leung Shuk-ha, residing at No. 22, Elgin Street, were also married at the Registry yesterday.

Found guilty of exposing indecent pictures in Hollywood Road on Wednesday, Li Wing-shun, 29, was ordered to be sent out of the Colony as a destitute by Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Det-Sgt. Brooks, who prosecuted, said that the pictures were kept in a box and defendant charged one-cent for a look. The pictures were ordered to be destroyed.

Mr. Dinslaw Bagwall, of No. 11 Duddell Street, has reported the loss of clothing and jewellery to the value of \$200.

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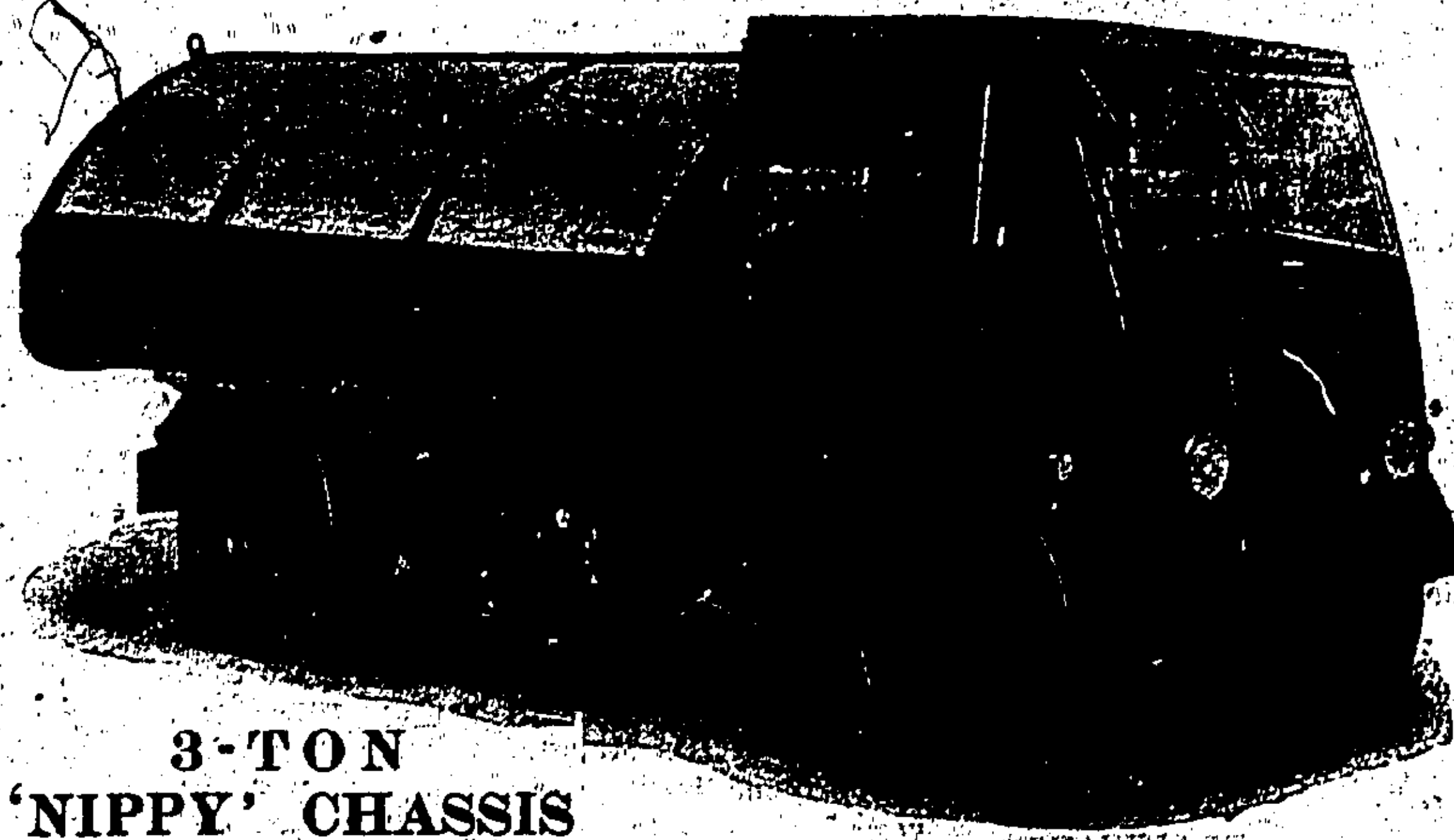
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Gloucester Road, between Fenwick Street and Fleming Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic from January 29th to February 7th inclusive.

(Sd) T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
Hong Kong, 26th Jan., 1940.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S/S "YUSANG" VOY. 13.

Owing to a fire having broken out on board this vessel whilst en route from Tientsin to this port, a General Average has been declared.

Consignees of all cargo loaded at Tientsin are hereby notified that a General Average Deposit of 2% is payable before their cargo can be released here or at destination to which it will be forwarded. They should communicate immediately with the undersigned regarding discharge.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

As from 8th February, 1940, Freight Rates from Hong Kong to Amoy will be increased by approximately 20%. The Official Measurer's Certificate will be used for all cargo taking rates on weight or measurement basis. A new tariff is being prepared, and particulars will be supplied on application to the undersigned.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of Jan., 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4187	Adjoining Kowloon Road and 4188 Canton Road, Mong Kok	As per sale plan.	About 10,700	106	16,725

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. J. A. Tarrant, and Bertha Ceclia wish to thank sincerely all friends for their generous help, and expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, and attendance at the funeral ceremony of his beloved wife, her beloved mother, who passed away suddenly in the evening of January 23.

DEATH

O'BRIEN.—On Thursday, January 25, 1940, at 3.50 a.m., at Shaheen, Canton, John H. O'Brien, at the age of 37 years. Arrangements are being made for his burial in Hongkong, which will be advised later. (Japan, Shanghai, Manila and New York papers please copy).

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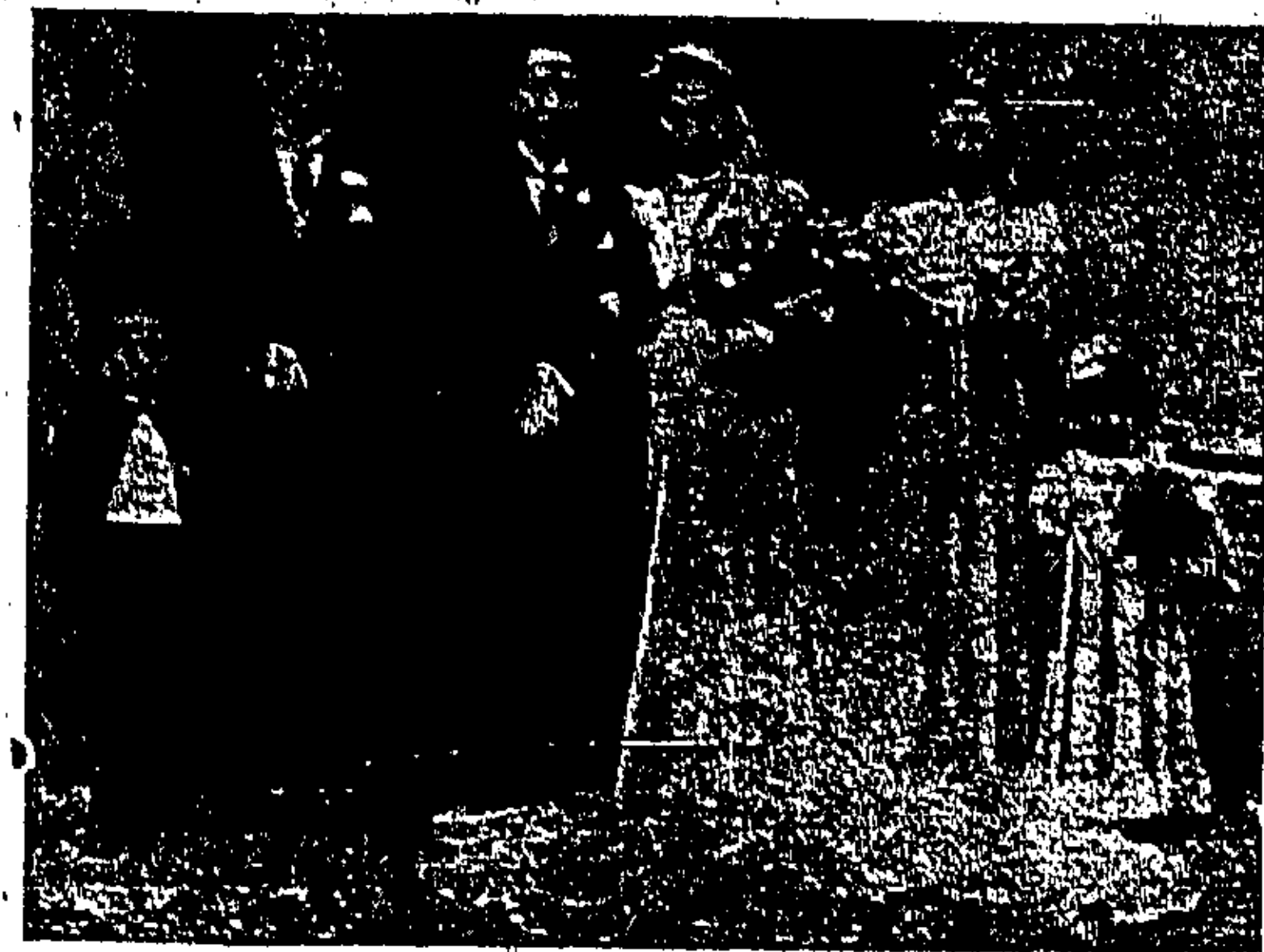
THE DECISION which American voters will take at the polls in 1940 is manifestly one of the most momentous of their times. If the issue is the continuance of the New Deal, it will be significant indeed. If it is also the question of breaking the third-term tradition, it will be doubly significant. If an Old-Guard Democrat meets a straight Republican, the choice will not be nearly so important; indeed, in that case, the Democratic National Convention will have taken the real decision.

THE COUNTRY now faces seven or eight months in which the two great parties will be engaged in the confused scramble of lining up nominees for the choice of their national conventions. Right now, a manoeuvre is taking place over which convention shall be held first, and whether the campaign shall be short or long. The Republicans for some months have wished to hold their convention after the Democrats. They want to see whether President Roosevelt is renominated, whether the New Deal is to be the issue, before they select their candidate or hammer together their platform.

THE DEMOCRATS are deep in the third-term morass. The situation is as unsatisfactory as that of the Egyptian soothsayers waiting end, less for the Sphinx to speak.

IF THE PRESIDENT does not run himself—and it is the present guess of this correspondent, subject to revision by future events, that he will not run—then the New Deal heir apparent is Paul V. McNutt. Mr. McNutt was taken into the Administration, as head of the important Federal Security Agency, just as his nomination campaign was putting on speed. He has given a pledge that if the President seeks renomination, he will withdraw. Thus he serves, to some extent, to blanket other aspirant candidates, keep their candidacies from gaining large proportions, and yet he may be yanked down himself at the President's bidding.

EVEN MORE ACTIVE are campaign organizers for John N. Garner. Well-financed, energetic, with the support of numerous Senate Democrats, the Garner campaign is an enormously important factor, but most observers regard it as an exhibition of power which may be decisive in the end, but—as in 1932—not to nominate Mr. Garner himself. CORDELL HULL has many admirers over the country, but little organized support. It remains to be seen how he will emerge from the fero-



Mr. Lim Kuen-yew and his bride, formerly Miss Li Wai-yiu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Li Koon-chun, after their marriage at the Registry yesterday afternoon.

SUCCESSFUL
LADIES' NIGHT
AT Y.M.C.A.

Ladies' Night at the European Y. M. C. A. yesterday, proved as popular a social event as ever, and the large attendance gathered were entertained with a programme of musical, dance and specialty numbers.

Evelyn Wood, in two monologues, proved about the most popular artist of the evening, and the final number "Circeline," a portrait by Olive and Leonard Sar-buck was well enacted.

Among others who contributed to the programme were Rupert Baldwin, Ella Logan, Pauline Strange, Muriel Portallan and Victor Sanders.

clous attack that will be made in the coming Congress against his trade agreement authority. If he wins this battle, on top of such triumphs as his decisive intervention in the interest of rigid neutrality to stop the Panama ship transfer scheme, his prestige may mount high, and by late spring he may be the most important presidential possibility. But he has not yet attained that position.

JAMES A. FARLEY, another hopeful, has been left far in the ruck. He opposes the McNutt candidacy, is felt to be lukewarm toward the third term, and therefore is ripe for alliance with either the Garner or Hull drives. But he is very loyal to Mr. Roosevelt. Which way he will jump, because of his close grip on the nationwide Democratic organisation, is a question of real moment.

A "BIG THREE" of Republicans still dominates their party contest, but there is no outstanding man. In the view of Washington correspondents, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan, is the likeliest choice. According to the Gallup poll, Thomas E. Dewey is far ahead. And Senator Robert A. Taft, through his radio debates and present speaking tour, has built up a substantial national following. The lightning might strike any of these three.

SIGNIFICANT IN THE BACKGROUND is Herbert Hoover, who still has the framework of a political organisation and whose friends have been advancing his interest steadily down the years. And there is Alf M. Landon, whose reputation has enhanced measurably since his defeat in 1936. There is Senator Styles Bridges, New Hampshire, with a couple of youthful, energetic, wealthy backers who are promoting his candidacy through a direct-mail campaign and a speaking tour.

MOST STRIKING FACT of this analysis, in either party, is the absence of eminent leadership. The Republicans, in particular, lack a candidate of traditional stature. Their men are relatively inexperienced. But these considerations may not matter. If the country is ready for a change, it will demand a change, and the candidate himself will be the least of the factors controlling the situation. That is today's outlook. It will evolve constantly and portentously from now until next November.—Christian Science Monitor.

FINLAND'S
GRATITUDEHUMANITARIAN
AID FROM BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish people are very grateful to the people of Britain for the humanitarian aid which is being so freely given, declared the Finnish spokesman in London to Reuter.

An aeroplane loaded with British medical supplies left London for Helsinki on Jan. 22. This is the second such aeroplane which the British have generously made possible, the spokesman added.

COMFORTS NEEDED
Comforts and warm clothing are especially welcome, owing to the enormous damage done by Russian air raids. All the windows in many towns are shattered, so that the inhabitants find it difficult to keep warm.

Although Russian loud-speakers at the front lines threatened that "the Germans are coming," the spokesman said his Government possessed no evidence that Germany is giving the Soviet any material assistance or military aid.

GREAT SATISFACTION
The spokesman declared that an official cable from Helsinki stated that official circles there expressed great satisfaction over the references to Finland in Mr. Winston Churchill's and Lord Halifax's recent speeches, which are regarded as official promises of real help.

The references to the nature of Finland's struggle, which is one for western civilisation, were also greatly appreciated in official circles.

DESTROYER STRIKES
REEF AND SINKS

ROME, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The Yugoslav destroyer Ljubljana sank after striking a reef in attempting to enter Sebenico during a violent storm. It is feared that there will be a heavy casualty list.

NEWSETTES

Mr. P. K. Chu, who has been appointed Chinese Vice-Consul at Manila, will leave Hongkong for his post tomorrow.

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Fifteen million francs for the relief of Turkish earthquake sufferers was authorised by a decree in the official Journal.

At the Theosophical Society meeting yesterday, Mr. J. L. Hadaway continued his current series of addresses and spoke on "Theosophy within Christianity and all Great Religions." There was a large attendance of members and of others interested.

Dr. F. S. Selwyn Clarke, Director of Medical Services will deliver an address on Tuberculosis in the Chinese Methodist Church, at the Junction of Hennessy Road and Johnston Road, Wanchai, on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 12 noon.

Mrs. A. N. Macfadyen, president of the Hongkong Working Artists Guild, who had the misfortune to fall and fracture her right hip a few weeks ago, is carrying on her work for the Guild from the Colles Ward of the Queen Mary Hospital. She is now devoting her main interest to the anti-tuberculosis campaign and has created, from the Chinese characters representing the disease, a "T. B. Devil" which it is hoped, will figure in the posters to be produced by the Guild.

FUTILITY OF POMP AND
CIRCUMSTANCE OF WARBurns' Dinner: Mr. Sloss
Proposes "Immortal Memory"

"The trumpets sound, the banners fly,
The glittering spears are ranked ready,
The shouts of war are heard afar,
The battle closes deep and bloody.
It's not the roar of sea or shore
That makes me longer wish to tarry,
Nor shouts of war that's near afar:
It's leaving thee, my bonie Mary."

"Has any poet expressed more poignantly how futile is the pomp and circumstance of war when it conflicts with elementary human love?" asked Mr. D. J. Sloss, C.B.E., M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University, after quoting the above verse from Robert Burns when he proposed the toast to the poet's immortal memory at the annual Burns' Night Dinner at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

"To me he is the greatest instinctive artist in our literature," added Mr. Sloss. "Many phrases of Burns' genius have been celebrated on these occasions and frequently the man has been lauded. Burns, the man, had splendid qualities, but to me (as a student of literature) Burns, the poet, is infinitely more interesting."

The dinner was held under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was the guest of honour and among the other distinguished persons present were H.E. Admiral Sir Percy Noble, H.E. Major General A. E. Grasett, G.O.C., Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, and Brigadier Sir John Laurie.

Dr. G. D. R. Black, Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society, presided and there was a gathering of about 250 people.

Pipe Major W. C. K. Mackie was Master of Ceremonies and piped in the Haggis, which was carried by Mr. H. C. Watson with all due ceremony. The Barley Bree was carried in by Mr. W. A. Cruickshank accompanied by Mr. J. J. Ferguson.

The toast to H.M. the King was proposed by the Chieftain, after which Mr. Sloss proposed the toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns.

OBTAINING PROOF

The obvious proof of the genius of Burns is to be found in his songs which are the purest lyrics in our language, describing the writer of songs that sing themselves by reason of their incomparable verbal felicity. Since the beginning of time poets have sung in many tones and moods of four great themes—Life, Love, Death and Immortality. On at least two of these Burns has made songs that men will never forget. A verse from one of these is quoted above.

Burns did more than any man to help to redeem from the blight of Calvinism that Calvin himself would have scornfully rejected.

Mr. Sloss gave instances of Burns as the satirist, the robust hearty story teller, the instinctive dramatist and the master of the poetical epistle. He referred to the much "Cottar's Saturday Night."

After referring to Burns exploits as an exciseman and his sympathies with the French revolutionaries, Mr. Sloss quoted from a letter sent by Burns to the Colonel of a Volunteer unit in which the poet was serving.

"The 'immortal memory' which is being toasted is not the memory of the politician, the exciseman, the frail human but the poet. Therefore my toast to the 'immortal memory' is a toast to the spirit that has given definite pleasure in many kinds and qualities to four generations of mankind and still has the power to move laughter, tears and searching of hearts in us whose world is so different from his," Mr. Sloss concluded. "And gentlemen, still ours Rab, the Rant I give you the toast of the immortal memory."

TOAST TO LASSIES

The toast to the lassies was proposed by Mr. G. E. Godfrey in delightfully humorous vein, but unfortunately for want of space, it is not possible to make more than just brief reference to his remarks.

Giving as what, in his opinion, was a complete summing up of a woman, Mr. Godfrey quoted the following verse:

O woman in the hour of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,
When pain and anguish rack thee
brow,
Ah, ministering angel thou."

Mr. Godfrey said that the more we know of the lassies the more difficult we found the task of understanding them and no matter how badly men were let down by the lassies they would soon turn to other lassies for comfort.

A SEASON TICKET

Mr. C. M. McEwen, replying for the lassies, questioned his qualification for the task. However, as the representative of the lassies he said if he did well he had earned a season ticket to the Gloucester Hotel for coffee on Saturday mornings but, if he had made a slip, his only refuge will be the Hongkong Football Club.

There were pipe selections and community singing between the speeches and it was quite late before the party broke up.



Photographed at the Fanling race meeting.

DOMINIONS
TROOPS
IN LONDONCANADIANS AND
AUSTRALIANS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—

The first Canadian division to appear in full battle dress paraded at Aldershot yesterday. It was the first occasion that many of the Canadian officers had worn battle dress.

The parade was watched by Major-General McNaughton and his staff. The Canadians' own bands played appropriate music.

KING AT ALDERSHOT

His Majesty the King spent yesterday at Aldershot with some of the Canadian troops undergoing training there. He motorised down from Buckingham Palace with an escort of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in khaki battle dress.

AUSTRALIAN UNIT

MELBOURNE, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Large crowds gathered to cheer the 5,000 members of the Australian Imperial Forces as they marched through the streets.

BRITISH LABOUR
DELEGATION

HELSINKI, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A British Labour delegation, headed by Sir Walter Citrine, has arrived in Helsinki, at the invitation of Finnish trade unions, to report on the situation in Finland to the British Labour movement.

The delegation will visit Denmark and Norway later.

AFGHANISTAN &
IRAN ALARMED

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The Daily Mails Cairo correspondent states that the Government of Iran and Afghanistan are reported to have proposed to Iraq that the Saadabad Non-Aggression Pact between those powers and Turkey be converted into a Military Alliance in order to form a united front in case of a Soviet threat.

It is understood that Iraq is favourable and is sending delegates to Istanbul to negotiate.

RESENTMENT IN HOUSE OF LORDS OVER UNITY MITFORD, HORE - BELISHA NEWSREEL & COMMENT

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A recent film depicting and commenting on the return of

(A) Miss Unity Mitford, described as Herr Hitler's English "Girl Friend" to Folkestone and

(B) the resignation of Mr. Hore Belisha led to an interesting debate in the House of Lords, where Lord Denman asked the House to approve of a motion that careful censorship of news films in wartime was a necessity.

Allies Will Assist Belgium

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain was asked whether the announcement by General Viscount Gort to the effect that Belgium was attacked by the French and British guarantee would come into play with lightning speed, represented the view of His Majesty's Government and whether military plans for implementing it had already been prepared.

LOCARNO TREATY
The Prime Minister said that under the Locarno Treaty His Majesty's Government undertook to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in the event of unprovoked aggression by Germany and the undertaking was reaffirmed subsequently, the occasion being in a statement to the King of the Belgians by the British Ambassador in Brussels in August last.

In reply to the last part of the question, the House could rest assured that the questions of how guarantees of all kinds could be implemented had received the Government's full attention.

APPEAL MUST COME FROM BELGIUM

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Apropos Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons in regard to the guarantee to Belgium, especially his remark that the British Government must retain the right to decide what is the threat of aggression it is pointed out in Belgian quarters in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that the main factor which would bring the guarantee into operation must be an appeal invoking the provisions of the guarantee.

BEST EASTER GIFT TO ALLIES!

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The best Easter present Herr Hitler could give Britain and France would be to attack Belgium.

This is the view expressed by a noted Belgian military expert in the Belgian paper.
If Belgium opens her frontiers to the Allies and gives them the help of her fortifications and her 600,000 men and withdraws her exports, this would be a heavy blow to Germany he says.

BELGIUM'S APPEAL THE CHIEF FACTOR

A Havas message adds that the Belgium and Allied Governments are carefully examining the situation arising from the fact that the determining factor for the execution of the guarantee is the appeal of the Belgian Government requesting the guarantor's intervention.

Army Lieutenant's Wife Gets Damages From Husband's Parents: Domestic Quarrel

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A Special Jury of five men and two women awarded £3,500 damages, in the King's Bench Division to Mrs. Valerie Porter, the twenty-six-year-old wife of an Army Lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.
The jury was nearly two-hours considering their verdict which was given on the action's eighth day of hearing.

The judge entered judgment law and was hung out of the flat with costs and granted stay of Summing up, the judge said the execution for twenty-one days, son was forced to choose between regarding £3,000 of the damages, his wife and his parents and a pending notice of appeal. He word of love, on that fatal evening ordered the balance of £500 to be paid to the wife within seven days and the remaining £3,000 to be paid into court.

SPANKED HER

Mrs. Valerie Porter alleged, that her husband Bertie spanked her in her mother-in-law's flat. Thereafter she hit her mother-in-

Lord Denman said that to magnify the return of Miss Unity Mitford into a matter of national importance was absurd and to pour ridicule on her return as was done in the film commentary, was unfair and ungenerous.

ERROR OF JUDGMENT

Lord Denman added that the newsreel made an error of judgment in saying that the public resented Mr. Hore Belisha's resignation. While fully recognising Mr. Hore Belisha's abilities, he reminded the House that there was a British Army before Mr. Hore Belisha became War Minister and its officers were not a set of reactionary "Colonel Blimps."

DEPLORABLE

The Marquess of Dufferin, in reply, agreed that, as an example of sadistic brutality, the Unity Mitford film would be hard to beat. It was deplorable.

Lord Dufferin said that there was nothing in the film about Mr. Hore Belisha which could be taken as against public policy and asked if there was anything more blatant or more propaganda in the film than anything which appeared in the popular press during that time.

TWO METHODS

"We must be logical in these matters and we cannot differentiate between these two methods of diffusing news," he declared.

Lord Strabolgi said that the Government, through the Ministry of Information, was keeping the newspapers so short news that journalists were glad of any story they could write up and make interesting demands.

The motion was withdrawn.

DIAMONDS & PEARLS WORTH MILLIONS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Details of the seizures from the United States mails by the British authorities and the methods whereby citizens of German origin in the Americas attempt to use the United States mail to transport valuables and food to Germany were revealed by the Ministry of Economic Warfare yesterday.

It is stated that since the beginning of the war and up to Jan. 12, 6,000 letters and 50,000 parcels were seized as contraband most of the letters contained items such as cheques, drafts, letters of credit and a new form of the mark, the "gift mark."

The marks so far confiscated were valued at 5,279,000 Reichsmarks, cheques and drafts to the value of U.S.\$526,000, United States currency to the value of \$9,900 and sterling to the value of £17,800.

The spokesman of the Ministry mentioned that one of the parcels seized contained pearls valued at £8,000 sent from Japan and more than £2,000,000 worth of industrial diamonds were found in a letter post, but the bulk were addressed to recipients in neutral countries and allowed to proceed.

PARCELS OF FOOD

Many senders addressed a large envelope to a recipient neutral country containing a number of smaller envelopes addressed to recipients in Germany.

The sending of parcels of food to Germany from the United States reached tremendous proportions and all these were regarded as contraband and confiscated.

Big Soviet Offensive Continues

HELSINKI, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Struggling through the forests across frozen marshes north of Lake Ladoga, the Russians are continuing the biggest offensive in many weeks with the object of out-flanking the Mannerheim Line.

The ground they have chosen for the advance is easier than that in the Karelian Isthmus but so far it is by no means certain that they are meeting with any success and the losses have been very heavy.

Old some points of the front, the Russians are using tanks as a cover for their advancing infantry who cluster behind them in small groups, for protection.

A Finnish surgeon just returned from the front reported that along with the Russian casualties treated were two women wearing Lieutenant's uniforms. They were wounded while working with the ambulance corps.

HURLED BACK

HELSINKI, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Soviet attacks north of Lake Ladoga have been hurled back with great Red Army losses. Terrific fighting continues in the Suoma Region of the Mannerheim Line.

U. S. VOLUNTEER PILOTS

HELSINKI, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Six American volunteer pilots have arrived here to join the Finnish Air Force. Their ages range from a 19 year old pilot to a veteran of the last war.

It is reported that a Swedish pilot crashed and was killed in Finnish territory whilst engaged with a Soviet squadron.

EX-PREMIER'S PROPHECY

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—"Because M. Stalin chose war, I am convinced the invasion of Finland will mark the beginning of the end of the Bolshevik dictatorship in Russia," writes the ex-Russian Premier, M. Kerensky, in a letter to the New York Post, adding that in the present conflict with Finland there is no doubt that a revision of the Russo-Finnish frontiers could be achieved by amicable understanding.

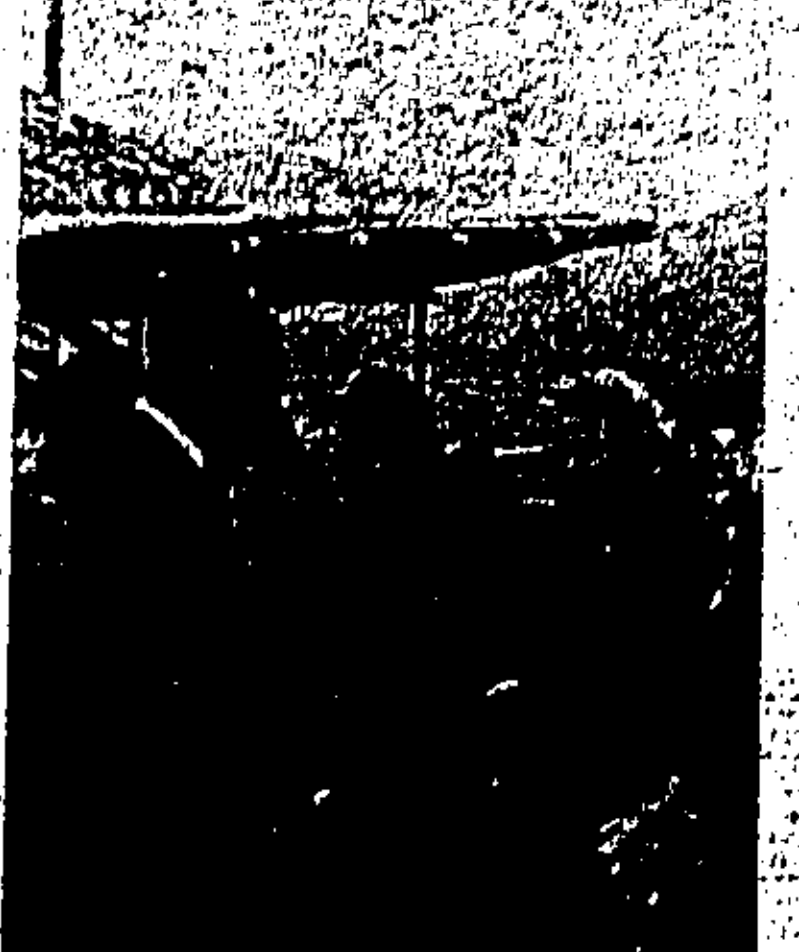
U. S. - JAPAN: NO NEW TRADE TREATY LIKELY

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—According to Washington dispatches, it is learned from the State Department that further commercial relations between America and Japan would depend entirely on Japan's actions in the Far East.

Only one day before the expiry of the old treaty, there is still not the slightest indication of any new treaty and it is considered likely that the present situation will drag on for some time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Official circles are surprised by the British contention that lack of co-operation has been partially responsible for the long delays in the release of American ships from Mediterranean control bases.

It is rumoured that the U. S. Government is prepared to demand substantial indemnities for the delays.



Punters snapped at Kwant.

FURTHER HARROWING DETAILS OF GERMAN TREATMENT OF POLES

LONDON, JAN. 25 (REUTER).—THE VATICAN RADIO BROADCAST FURTHER HARROWING DETAILS OF THE GERMAN TREATMENT OF POLES, especially priests, and alleges that systematic transportation of Poles from Posen, Pomerania and Silesia to the so-called Central Government Protectorate, began in November when the people were given ten minutes to leave their homes.

They were locked in trains and conveyed to a small station near Warsaw where they were left to their fate. Some of the journeys were made in open waggons in a temperature below zero.

Other reports reaching the Vatican, according to The Times, allege that at Blomberg 5,000 people, many of whom were priests, were confined in a stable so small that they were unable to sit down.

The victims were forbidden to go out and there was only a make-shift latrine in a corner which Canon Stedzynski, aided by a Jew, were compelled to clean up daily with their hands.

When Vicar Adam Minilth tried to help him he was beaten by the police with their rifle butts. At Gdynia, the population was forcibly deported and the town was re-peopled by Baltic Germans.

In Russian Poland conditions were described as less bad as the Russians have been more concerned with organising farms on Bolshevik lines.

PROFESSOR'S ALLEGATIONS

Allegations of a similar character were made by a professor of Cracow University, named Polikowski, who escaped into Hungary and has just reached Paris.

He describes an incident following an encounter between two German non-commissioned officers and Polish criminals who had escaped from prison.

The criminals killed the non-commissioned officers. Immediately 300 Poles were taken from their homes in the neighbourhood and the next morning a hundred were forced to kneel in the courtyard and machine-gunned.

The other 200 were kept under arrest for eight days and were practically foodless in the bitter cold.

DIFFERENT METHODS

This authority also draws attention to the difference between the German and the Russian methods and says that while the Germans apparently wish to destroy the Polish nation by assassination and removal of all cultural and religious associations, Russia uses deportation, rather than murder, in order to destroy the Polish State.

Thus 2,000 Polish ex-officers were sent to Russia on the night of Dec. 11.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:

INCREASED CONCESSIONS FOR THOSE HIT BY RISE IN LIVING COSTS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the Government would give concessions for old age pensions amounting to just over £8,000,000 a year. This will be partly met by another two pence a week for men and three pence a week for women.

There will be no limit to the amount of extra pensions, but the scale would be based according to the needs of the pensioners.

Spinsters and some wives will be able to draw their pensions at the age of 60 instead of 65.

There will be an increase of five shillings a week for old people with no other resources and those hardest hit by the rise in the cost of living.

Most of the British press welcomed the new pensions. In the words of the Daily Telegraph, they will go a long way in relieving the hardest hit cases.

HITLER ADDRESSES HIS TROOPS

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—According to the German wireless, Herr Hitler today addressed an audience of the German Army and Air Force, cadets in the Berlin Sport Palace.

Speaking for the first time since the Munich bomb attempt, Herr Hitler advised them to "always follow the example of Frederick the Great, who set a high standard of soldierly virtue." Today is the anniversary of Frederick the Great's birthday.

FINNISH STEAMER SUNK

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—A Finnish steamer was sunk yesterday as the result of a concentrated attack by six Soviet bombers near the Aaland Islands. No fewer than fifteen bombs were dropped all round the vessel and although no direct hit was secured, the hull was so battered by the concussion that it sank.

GERMAN ACCESS TO RUMANIAN FRONTIER

ALARMING VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT

PARIS, JAN. 25 (REUTER).—PERSISTENT REPORTS OF A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE SOVIET receive confirmation from sources available to Turkish newspapers, which yesterday carried circumstantial reports of the recent negotiations.

TERMS OF PACT

According to these reports, Germany is to be given control of that part of Russo-occupied Poland which borders Rumania and will exploit the Polish oilfields.

The final agreement is said to have been signed in Berlin this week between Herr von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, and the Russian Ambassador.

REASON FOR MORE

The reason for the agreement, according to the Turkish newspapers, is the inability of the Soviet to carry out her contracts for delivery of oil to Germany. It gives Germany the Galician oilfields and access to the Rumanian frontier.

A serious view is taken of the situation.

Only Government Recognised By Britain In China Is National Government

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister, replying to Mr. M. P. Price (Lab.), said that on Jan. 8, the Japanese Government had issued a statement that the movement for a new Central Government in China was gathering strength and that Japan would accordingly assist in the formation of the new Government.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "The only Government in China recognised by His Majesty's Government and with which they are in diplomatic relations is the National Government of China, of which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is Chairman of the Supreme Defence Council and President of the Executive Council. (Ministerial Cheers)."

— WANG AND PUPPETS
Mr. Price, while thanking Mr. Chamberlain for his interesting and important statement, asked whether he was aware that two former collaborators of Wang had recently left him and were now in Hongkong and whether that did not indicate a still further reason why Britain should have no relations with any puppet Government?

The Prime Minister replied: "As we are not having any relations with them, I don't think it matters."

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Increased Floating Debt For War Expenditure Would Be Unsound

LONDON, JAN. 25 (REUTER).—"IT WOULD BE UNSOUND FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S WAR EXPENDITURE TO CONTINUE TO BE INDEFINITELY FINANCED BY INCREASING THE FLOATING DEBT THROUGH THE ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS," said Mr. Edwin Fisher, chairman, at the annual meeting of Barclays Bank today.

"Ultimately, money borrowed for the war must be obtained mainly from the people's savings if inflation is to be avoided."

CRITICISM OF WANG PACT

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China to have an independent culture.

On the so-called principles of reciprocity and economic solidarity Japan seeks to control China's whole economic system, including her financial and economic policy and customs administration.

SWALLOW UP CHINA

Japan's purpose of the establishment of the bogus Central, Nanking, North China and Mongolian governments is apparently to partition and swallow up China.

Her demand for a "paramount position" in Hainan Island, Amoy and other designated islands along the south China coast betrays her ambition of starting a storm in the Pacific, utilising China's manpower and resources.

Generalissimo Chiang says that if this agreement is ever enforced, China will be doomed and the world will be thrown into a greater peril.

Wang Ching-wei's motive in signing the agreement in the Generalissimo's opinion is to get money as testified by his demand for a loan of \$40,000,000 from the customs revenues, and the handing over by the Japanese the entire customs deposits in the Yokohama Specie Bank and the consolidated salt taxes.

PERSONAL SAFETY

His demand for the opening of the Yangtze River, between Nanking and Shanghai, and policing rights in Nanking on the ground of inducing Great Britain, the United States, and France to accord de facto recognition to the bogus Central Government is in fact aimed at his personal safety as he can escape more easily from Nanking in case of danger.

The Generalissimo urged the Chinese not to be further deceived by the "peace" talks of Wang Ching-wei after the full disclosure of his secret agreement with the enemy.

The Supreme Leader expressed confidence that Wang will never succeed in his intrigues. He said that the Chinese need not worry over what Wang and the Japanese will do after signing the agreement but continue their staunch resistance until the final victory is won.

WAR INSIDE WANG CAMP

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25 (Havas).—Kao Tsung-woo's and Tao Hsi-sheng's break with the puppets resulted from a long struggle in Wang Ching-wei's camp, states the China Press. The paper says Tao attempted to obtain the maximum concessions from Japan and was opposed by Lin Peh-sheng, Wang's publicity chief, who was satisfied with "preserving Wang's political life."

INTERNECINE STRIFE

The China Press further asserts that this internecine strife resulted in the execution of Gen. Wang Yao-mu, a member of the Central Supervisory Committee and head of the "Second Route Army" of the new Chinese Central Government.

PROFESSORS DENOUNCE WANG
CHUNGKING, Jan. 25 (Central).—Two hundred-and-fifty profes-

"Government demand for borrowed money, however, is liable to be so large that raising the necessary funds would be assisted if some increased Government expenditure is first allowed to permeate the economic system and thus influence the volume of savings prior to the actual issue of the loans to the public."

UTOPIAN HOPE

"It is Utopian to hope in wartime that prices will not rise and wages will remain stable and the knowledge that such changes have already occurred lends emphasis to the need to prevent dislocation of the economic structure."

"Therefore, to the extent that an individual saves Government expenditure will be facilitated and competitive bidding up of prices avoided."

CONTROL ESSENTIAL

"Control of imports and exports is essential in wartime in order to meet the external purchasing power to the best advantage. We should endeavour to deny ourselves the importation of non-essential goods in favour of overseas requirements vital to our needs."

"Economic strength will play such an impressive part in the war that no opportunities must be lost to sell more goods abroad and, essential as this is today, it will be of transcendent value when called upon to face post-war problems," concluded Mr. Fisher.

FLYING-ACE KILLED

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—Among the 58 officers and other ranks reported dead or missing in the last Air Force casualties list is the name of Flight-Sergeant T.D. Dixon "killed on active service."

It will be recalled that Dixon was a member of the crew of one of the Vickers-Wellesley long-range aircraft which won the new long-distance record for Britain in 1938.

Dixon's machine was forced down through lack of petrol at Keopang, Timor, after covering 6,700 miles, 300 miles above the record.



A group at the Kwant'ung meeting on Sunday.

sors in Chungking have jointly issued a circular telegram urging the elimination of Wang Ching-wei.

A cleaning up of all "black sheep" in the educational and cultural circles is also urged.

Firm determination and relentless efforts are the basic requirements for consummating the programme of national revolution and reconstruction, the telegram emphasizes.

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Twaddle In Bloomsbury

THE BIG PRESS ROOM

A bell of impetuous note sounds in the big Press Room of the Press and Censorship Bureau, resplendently housed at Bloomsbury. It is a signal that another news bulletin is to be released to a waiting world, writes Bruce Harris in the Evening Standard.

Journalists of a score of nations flock to a platform, receive the "handout" from an official.

The bell goes again—again that they are free to dash for their telephones with the tidings. This is a sample of what they may read out:

"St. Helena is doing its best to increase production of food stuffs for its own consumption. The clearing of land is being pressed forward to make room for cultivating vegetables." Or:

"The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Rev., curate of—, to the vicarage of—, vacant by the cession of the Rev. (names not deleted this time by the censor).

"I'm heartily glad," murmurs an American newspaperman as he reads this relic of the London Gazette, "that the Reverend Gentleman has got that job. It's O.K. by me!"

Lately I received, by way of the bell and the platform, a chatty article headed "Contentment in Kelantan" which is somewhere in Malaya.

"It is difficult to tell from the Colonial Office Report for 1938 (it begins) on the State of Kelantan whether agriculture or amusement plays the more important part in the life of the villages.

"The pursuit of top-spinning kite-flying and drum-beating contests in neighbouring hamlets are varied by shadow plays and touring theatrical companies (no—the British Council's Shakespeareans?) while such pleasures

as cock-fighting and rubber smuggling have the added spice of being forbidden" (400 words).

Quite. And into the big waste-paper baskets which a provident Government has supplied to us at the bureau goes every copy of "Contentment in Kelantan." Except mine, retained as a memento.

Nearer home but still some distance away, comes a variation of the Bacon (Control of Production) Order exempting Northern Ireland from its operation and extending the list of types of bacon permitted to be produced in Britain by the addition of "Cops and Chaws"—what are these?

"The cell again! Gang! Gang! What now? Why the announcement of the Governor of Tanganyika that he has received from 'the Chief and people of Maciame and Kibongo Chitondo and the Chagga Tribe, Moshi District,' an offer of a proportion of this year's harvest as their contribution to the Empire war effort.

"As many as 45 'handouts,' varying in size from one to eight typewritten quarto pages, are born—and mostly fail to survive the second bell—in the Press room daily.

About 200 copies of each are produced. One in six of these productions sees daylight in the Daily Press of any country.

Do not blame the Press Bureau. Sir Walter Morckton's officials have to duplicate and hand on to the ungrateful newspapermen anything that any Government department cares to connect in Whitehall and send along to Bloomsbury for issue.

With the price of newspaper what it is and Whitehall and Bloomsbury wages what they are, why not empower one of the staff journalists of the Press Bureau to sit in judgment on this torrent of twaddle.

The rest of us could then go home early. A very obvious economy.

MILLINERY

Paris puts some wartime notions on our heads.

GOES

MILITARY



Puffs of smoke from the big guns—and a brain wave for a smart hat. On the left, you see "Offensive," a jaunty model in a black wool jersey, with a daring flower cluster in yellow, blue, green and pink. We think we'd like to call it "Ready for Anything."

Over she goes in an incredible spiral—and your heart's in your mouth. But perched on your curls is a hat for an air-minded woman, swirls of green and wine red felt over a chestnut wool fishnet crown. "Looping" it's called, and here it is on the right.



There's always glamour around the Foreign Legion—and here are two turbans with a definite desert touch. "On Guard" is in bright blue and wine red jersey, and it has a neck-scarf cut all in one.

"Alarm" is cunningly contrived from purple and fuchsia wool jersey. Two upstanding twists of material give it a dashing look, navy jersey is anchored to the contradicted by the demure bonnet-strings, tying under the chin, bon around the back of the crown.



Round The Shops

SHOWED no doubt under batches of Christmas and New Year bills, shoppers are very much in the mood for securing bargains—and genuine bargains they must be to satisfy the demands of weather and taste.

Hongkong's establishments which cater for the ladies are well aware of what their public wants, and a visit to the principal millinery stores will reveal some really exceptional articles for the wardrobe at prices that are surprisingly low.

BARGAIN SALE:

STARTING ON MONDAY will be LANE CRAWFORD'S bargain sale—bargains that range over a wide variety of attractive dresses, costumes, shoes, hand-bags, hats and hose.

Evening dresses can be secured from \$10 and day dresses from \$5. And, as if these prices are not surprising enough, shoes are offered from \$5 a pair, hand-bags from \$1, hats from \$3 and knee-high length silk hose at \$1.95 per pair. To those who are thinking of laying-in time for the summer, woollen swim suits are being offered at \$7.50.

FURS, AND MORE FURS:

Inviting in their warmth and attractiveness are the new range of furs being displayed at MAYO'S in the Arcade. The cold wave which swept the Colony the last few days caused a big rush at Mayo's and the fur department certainly did good business.

Furs, however, are not all that Mayo's have to offer. Evening frocks in a wide range of beautiful colours and material will also attract shoppers, while the new display of merchandise which this establishment expects shortly will no doubt find ready and willing buyers.

ANOTHER SALE:

RIVELLE in the Arcade is continuing her half-price sale and what a fine assortment she has to offer. Shoppers will find it hard to believe that the evening gowns, hats and costumes could really be purchased at the figures on the price tags. But there it is! And the latest and most beautiful models in evening creations, suits, costume jewellery, hand-bags and novelties for the well-dressed are there in plenty—AND ALL at half price.

HAIR DRIED IN TEN MINUTES

NO MORE LONG SESSIONS under the hair dryer, ladies, when Hollywood's newest contribution to progress and beauty—a curler that cuts the drying process to one-third—becomes available to the public.

Invented by Hazel Rogers, chief hairdresser at Sleznick International Studio, the new device has been so successful in experiments that the studio machine shop has been ordered to manufacture 1,000 of the new models.

Ten Minutes:

The curlers are wire mesh cylinders set into copper rings and soldered together. They are about one inch long, have a diameter of three eighths of an inch and are hollow.

The mesh allows the air to circulate better than in previous designs and the usual half hour under the dryer is cut to ten minutes.

Winter Coats

Hoods, Storm Collars And Many Pockets

EXAMPLES of greatcoats that combine the look of town, country and travel swing through Paris salons. Piguet makes them from thick woollens in beige, ginger brown and dark though bright green, without any fur, but tailored trimmings such as epaulettes, a laint shoulders and welted seams or a single, ungreased, box-pleat that is thought-looked, a little below the neckline, giving novelty to full backs.

STORM COLLARS:

Storm collars with wide revers, vary classic interpretations. There are no less than six pockets on one green overcoat.

This coat is semitted to waistline, tied by a thong of the cloth finished off at the ends by gold metal tags.

These pockets, display two, set one above the other at sides near front skirt opening and two smaller single-breast ones.

BIG BUTTONS:

A few big buttons, spaced apart, fasten fronts. Lucien Lelong's overcoat is in "Air France" blue, with a hood that looks equally attractive when covering the head or dropped to drape shoulder line.

HELPFUL EYE EXERCISES

BLINKING, PALMING AND SWINGING

By Jane Gordon

WEARY EYES take away a woman's good looks, and to a certain extent her efficiency. During war conditions all eyes deserve extra care and attention. There are certain eye exercises which are particularly useful. They include blinking, "palming" and "swinging."

Remember to blink every now and then during working hours, while you are reading or whenever your eyes feel tired and strained. The actual process of blinking relieves the strain and makes the vision clearer. If you are reading fine print or find your eyes getting tired at the cinema, get into the habit of blinking.

"SEE" BLACK

"Palming" is an exercise which was made famous by the American, Dr. Bates. It is restful and easy, relaxes the eyes and gives them back their health and strength. The exercise is done as follows.

Place the palms of your hands over your eyes, with the fingers of one hand crossed over the fingers of the other and resting on your forehead. Then shut your eyes and try to "see" black. The better your sight, the more black you will be able to see.

"SEE" BETTER

The poorer your sight the more bright lights and splashes of colour and indistinct patches of greyish will seem to flicker before your closed eyes. When you have practised palming for some time you will notice that you will be able to "see" black better than you were able to in the beginning.

A favourite Hollywood eye exercise is called "swinging." You are told to shut your eyes and imagine that you are watching somebody on a swing. Your eyes move from side to side as the swing goes up and down before you.

attractive when covering the head or dropped to drape shoulder line. Two big decorative patch pockets make four in reality, since smaller ones are applied on top of the bigger ones.

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Dress Rules

The following rules should be observed in the care of the wardrobe:

ALL DRESSES should be carefully examined after they are worn, and any spot should be gently removed. Each dress should be ironed and hung up in its own dress bag.

TWO OR THREE HOURS before the dress is to be worn it should be touched up with an iron. Remember that a dress ironed directly before it is worn or packed is more easily creased.

IF YOU PUT ON YOUR DRESS before you do your hair or make-up your face, put a dressing-gown on before you sit down to your dressing-table.

IN THE CASE OF BLACK OR NAVY-BLUE DRESSES a make-up cap is essential. Even then collars and shoulders should be brushed as a finishing touch.

CONSIDER your dress and coat when sitting down and guard them from rumple.

cloths; linen roller towels, check and polishing dusters; floor cloths and swabs.



FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 25, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/2 5/32	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 305	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand 104	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/8	
On demand 52 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 9/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1365	
Credits 4 months' sight 1140	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108 1/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 49 1/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 150 1/4	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 3/4	
Bar Silver per oz. 92	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 22 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported, a quiet market with very little business. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 393 5/8.

Market

Quiet, the tone was easier than yesterday.

Sterling

Some business was reported at 1/2 15/16 for Cash and also 1/2 29/32 March. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 29/32 January/February and 1/2 7/8 April, buyers at 1/2 15/16 Cash.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24 3/4 possibly for Cash and 24 11/16 February, buyers at 24 13/16 Cash and 24 3/4 February.

Shanghai Dollars

At the opening there were sellers at 317 for Spot. Towards the close at 1 p.m. there were sellers for Spot at 315 1/2, buyers at 316 1/2.

Shanghai Market

Sellers for Spot, Sterling 443/64 and U.S. Dollars 73/4.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2 29/32 January/February, probably March and 1/2 7/8 April/May buyers at 1/2 15/16 Cash and 1/2 29/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24 11/16 February, buyers at 24 13/16 Cash and 24 3/4 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at the close were quoted at 317 and probably buyers at 318 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers at 411/16 for Spot and was a shade easier at the close with sellers at 443/64 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 25 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/2
New York 7-3/8
Japan 31-1/4
India 24-7/8
Paris 3.30
Hongkong 30-1/2

Sellers

Spot 0/4-43/64 0/4-11/16
Jan. 0/4-43/64 0/4-11/16
Feb. 0/4-19/32 0/4-39/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot 57-3/4 57-25/32
Jan. 7-3/4 7-3/4
Feb. 7-19/32 7-5/8

Market:—Uncertain.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-21/32
U.S. Dollars, 7-11/16

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London 2d 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 16-1/4

per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 24 (Reuters).
Government 24% Rupee, 90-0-0 nominal.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER				
	Previous	January 24		
	Closing	Opening	Closing	Change
S P O T	38 cts.	37 cts.	37 cts.	off 1 ct.
APRIL-JUNE	38-1/4	35-1/4	35-1/4	off 1 ct.
JULY-SEPT.	35-1/4	34-1/4	34-3/8	off 7/8

The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER

S P O T				
	Buyer	Buyer		Change
12 pence	11-13/16	11-5/8	off 3/16	
APRIL-JUNE	11-13/16	11-5/8	off 3/16	
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/2	11-5/8	off 3/16	

Market dull and easier in the absence of support.

NEW YORK COTTON: Better domestic political news attracted heavy short-covering. We think July position eventually 10.75.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Increased dealer offerings developed on advances.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Market quiet but steady. Market news is without any feature and, in the absence of pressure, prices slowly edged up.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 145.49; Today's close, 147.00; Change, up 1.51.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

PREV. TODAY'S					
	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	10.74	10.55	10.50	10.72	.22 up
New York Rubber, Mar.	18.74	18.55	18.65	18.70	.05 up
Chicago Wheat, May	100 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	57 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	1 up
New York Hides, Mar.	14.06	13.72	13.90	14.03b	.13 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
	Close	Opening	Closing		Change
March	10.50/51	10.61/61	10.72/72		.22 up
May	10.21/22	10.34/33	10.46/47		.25 up
July	9.77/82	9.19/93	10.12/14		.35 up
July (New contract)	9.96/95	10.06/07	10.32 N		.37 up
October (")	9.11/13	9.28/27	9.49/49		.38 up
December (")	9.05/05	9.18/18	9.42/42		.37 up
January (")	8.99 N	9.17/17	9.41/41		.42 up
Spot	10.67 N		10.89 N		.22 up

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 303,100 bales.

First Notice Day for March Cotton—27/2—Last Notice Day—15/3.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March				
	High	Low	Close	Change
18.65/65	18.55/57	18.70/70	08 up	
May	18.30/40	18.25/25	18.35/40	05 up
July	18.25/25	18.15/15	18.20/20	05 off
September	18.00b	—	18.02b/05a	02 up
December	17.90b/98a	—	17.95 B	05 up

Total sales for the day: 1,450 tons.

First Notice Day for March Rubber—28/2—Last Trading Day—27/3.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May				
	High	Low	Close	Change
99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/4	1 up
July	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1 up
September	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/4	1 up

Tuesday's sales: 18,905,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May				
	High	Low	Close	Change
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	1 up
July	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	1 up
September	57 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	1 up

WINNEPEG WHEAT

May				
	High	Low	Close	Change
86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 up
July	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 up
September	87 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March				
	High	Low	Close	Change
13.90/90	14.00/05	14.03b/05a	13 up	
June	14.18/18	14.27/28	14.29/29	11 up
New York Official	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.97-1/4	3.98-5/8		

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Jan. 24 (Reuters).

Jan. 21 Jan. 20

Notes in circulation

(including Notes held in the Banking Department)

25,234 25,159

Rupee Coin and Bullion in India

6,208 6,132

Gold Coin and Bullion in India

4,154 4,154

Securities (British Government)

3,834 3,834

Securities (Indian Government)

10,750 10,750

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 24 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 79-1/2.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 24 (Reuters).

Silver—Very small general business.

Market very quiet. In the afternoon, the market was dull, with small offerings at 1/16 under but buyers were absent.

Spot, 22d.

Forward, 22d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Jan. 24 (Reuters).

Silver, Official, 34-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 24 (Reuters).

Market—Quiet.

Offtake nil.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 53-04

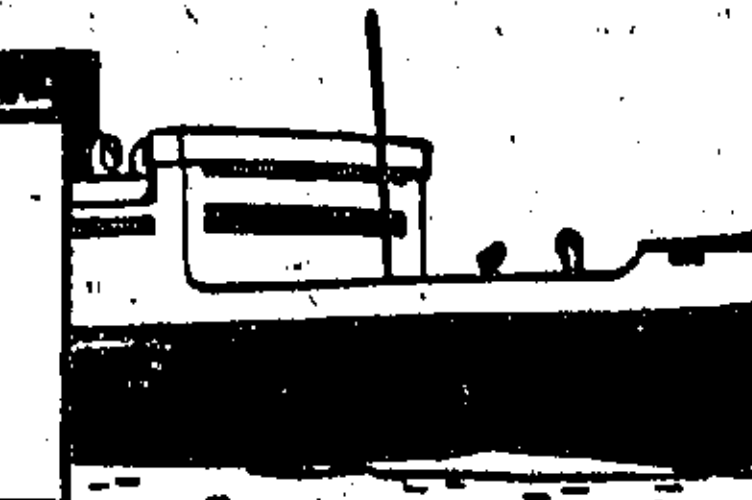
Feb. 3 Settlement 53-04

Mar. 4 Settlement 53-07

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION (REUTERS SERVICE)

STOCKS		Last Sale Jan. 24	STOCKS		Last Sale Jan. 24
Adams Express	8		Kennecott Copper	38 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21		Lakey Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2	
Allied Stores	8 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	38		Lockheed Aircraft	29 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	105		Loew's Inc.	35 1/2	
Amer. Can.	115		Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	38 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	18 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	25 1/2		Monsanto Chemical	105	
American Gas & Elec.	37 1/2		Montgomery Ward	52	
Amer. Locomotive	19 1/2		National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	23 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	10		Nat. Distillers	24	
Amer. Rolling Mill	16		National Gypsum	11 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	48 1/2		National Lead	19 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	18 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2		National Steel Corp.	66 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	88 1/2		National Supply Corp.	9 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	10 1/2		New York Central	16 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2	
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2		N. American Aviation	25 1/2	
Auburn Motors	—		North American Co.	21 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2		Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	63 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	29 1/2		Pacific Lighting	49 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	74 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	13 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	24 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Borg-Warner	24 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	36 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	11 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2		Pittsburg Coke & Iron	7 1/2	
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	16		Public Service of N.J.	40 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$8.	64 1/2		Pullman Inc.	28 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Case, J.I.	7 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2	
Celanese	28		Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2		Reading Company, 1st pfd.	25 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	84 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	42 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	37 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	6 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	31 1/2		Republic Steel	20	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	68 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	12 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	88 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	40 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	47 1/2		Richfield Oil	7 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	24 1/2		Safeway Stores	48	
Consolidated Edison	31 1/2		Schenley Distillers	12 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2		Sears Roebuck	83	
Continental Can	42 1/2		Shell Union Oil	11 1/2	
Continental Oil	24 1/2		Socomey-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	16		Southern Pacific	13 1/2	
Corn Products	63 1/2		Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	31 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2		Sperry	44 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	20 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	31	
Deere & Co.	20 1/2		Standard Brands	7 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	82 1/2		Standard Oil of California	25 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	18 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	11 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2		Stone & Webster	44	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	31 1/2		Studebaker Com.	9 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	36 1/2		Swift International	32 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2		Technicolor	14 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	58 1/2		Texas Corp.	44	
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	66 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2		Timken-Axle	22 1/2	
Esch Rubber	14 1/2		Uran-America Co.	58	
Glunkote	10 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	12	
Gen. American Trans.	52 1/2		20th Cent. Fox \$1 1/2 pf.	25	
Gen. Electric	39 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	81	
Gen. Motors	53 1/2		Union Pacific	94	
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2		United Aircraft	47 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	21 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2	
Glidden Co.	18		United Corp.	28	
Goodrich (B.F.)	18		United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	39 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	63 1/2		United Gas Corp.	—	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	22 1/2		United Gas Improvement	15 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	14		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23	
Great Northern Rly, pfd.	25 1/2		U.S. Rubber	37 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	110 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	18 1/2		U.S. Steel	59 1/2	
Mercuries Powder Co.	89 1/2		Vanadium	31 1/2	
Homestake Mining	56		Walworth Co.	54	
International Harvester	59 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2	
Int. Nickel	36 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	108 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4 1/2		Woodward Iron Corp.	22 1/2	
John-Manville	73 1/2		Chase National Bank	—	
& Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	58		National City Bank	—	



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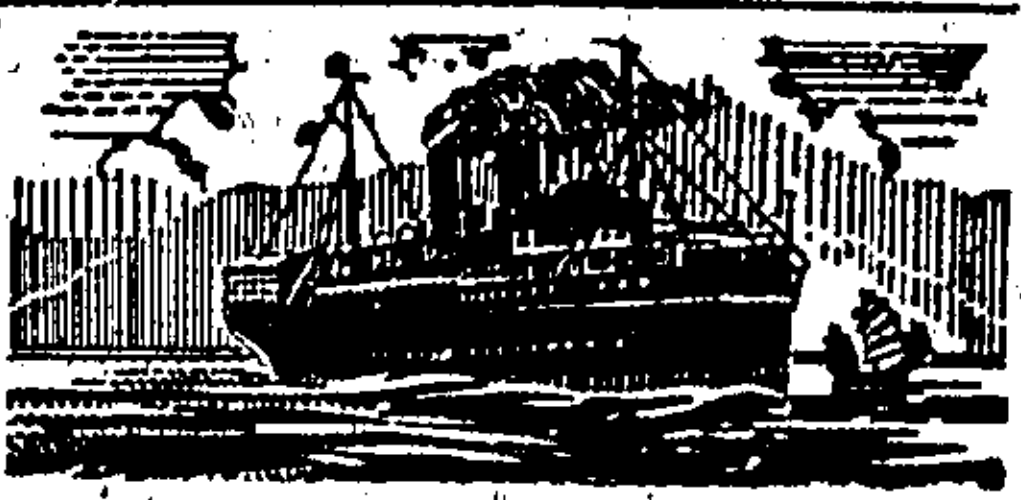
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From 26 Jan. to 1 Feb. 1940.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Days of Week	Time	Height	Time
Fri. 26	10 49	5.0	04 29
Sat. 27	11 30	5.1	05 09
Sun. 28	12 10	5.4	05 45
Mon. 29	13 50	5.7	06 24
Tue. 30	15 55	5.5	07 01
Wed. 31	17 42	5.6	07 40
Thur. 1	19 10	5.8	08 21
	15 39	5.9	22 45

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, 19th Jan., 1940

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Jan. 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.29 ins.

Temperature, 55 F.

Humidity, 54 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature, maximum yesterday 56 F.

Temperature, minimum last night 48 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st

0.02 ins.

Against an average of 0.65 ins.

Sunset to-night, 6.06 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.04 a.m.

4 p.m., Jan. 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.15 ins.

Temperature, 57 F.

Humidity, 56 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 59 F.

Minimum temperature, 48 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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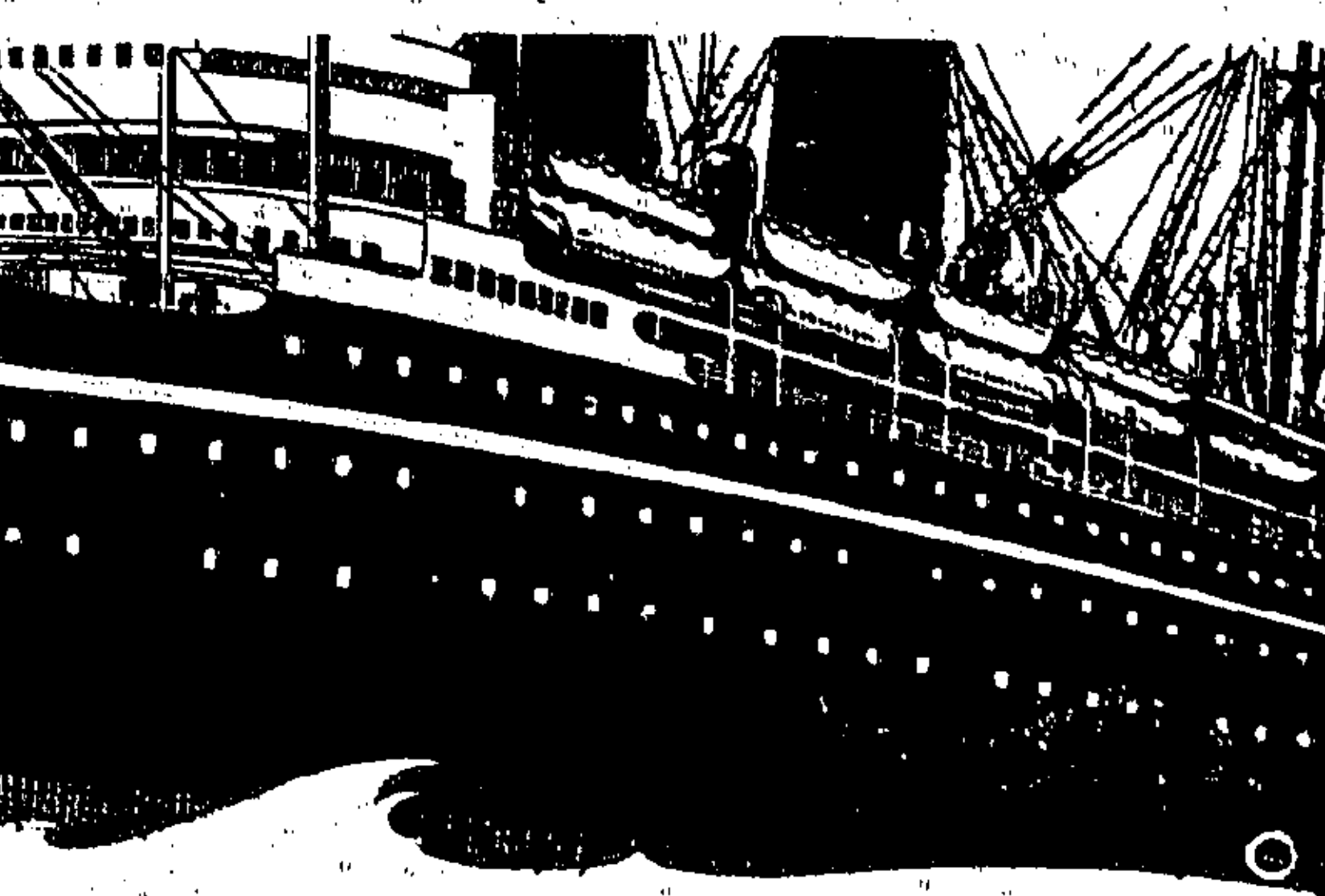
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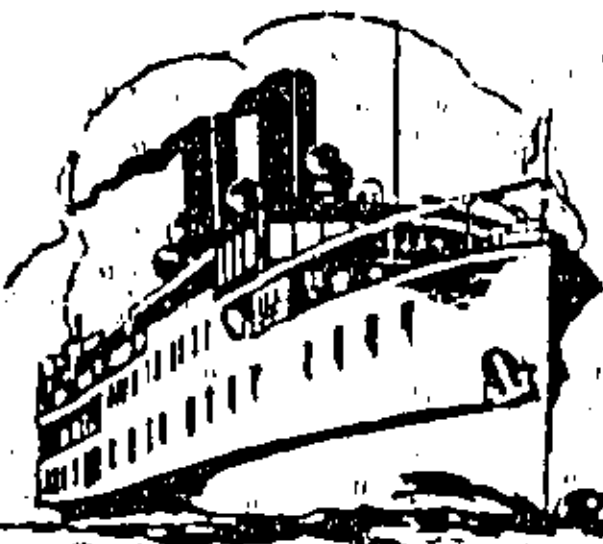
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Repatriation Of Refugees To Border Districts Progressing Satisfactorily

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

Arrangements for the repatriation of refugees to border districts are progressing satisfactorily, and nearly 2,000 refugees have left the Government camps in the New Territories for their homes in China since the Japanese withdrawal from the frontier.

These and other facts were revealed to the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday by the Director of Medical Services, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.

On January 12, said the D.M.S., a meeting was held between the Hongkong authorities, the Magistrate of Po On District and representatives from the Waiyeung, Tungkoon and Po On Chambers of Commerce and the Red Swastika Society, which has rendered yeoman service in refugee relief work in the Colony.

Following the meeting, the Magistrate of Po On visited the camps at Pat Heung (Kam Tin), Lokmachau and Loshuling. He assured the refugees, that the Japanese had left the area and that every assistance would be given to them to return to their native villages and to resume their normal occupations.

The Waiyeung Chamber of Commerce assisted with money and food all those in the camps who wished to leave; while the Red Swastika Society also gave the same undertaking to those at the Gill's Cutting Camp, of which the Society had been in charge. Similar offers of assistance were also forthcoming from other District Chambers of Commerce and various charitable bodies in the Colony.

1,800 RETURN HOME

So far, 700 from the Lokmachau camp have returned home, while 800 have left the Loshuling camp and 300 the Gill's Cutting camp. There are still 88 refugees at Gill's Cutting, of whom 54 are orphan children who will be sent to boarding school at Pingshan. The remainder are awaiting transportation back to the native places, which it is expected will be possible before Chinese New Year.

The camp at Lokmachau is already closed, while both the Gill's Cutting and Loshuling camps are expected to be closed about Chinese New Year.

There are, however, still 596 refugees at the Sanokling camp.

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Lungyueh, both about ten kilometres south-west of Nanchen. Taitze, Taichih and Kwetaj on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border are reported to have been recovered by the Chinese.

IN SHANTUNG

SOMEWHERE IN SHANTUNG, Jan. 25 (Central)—Japanese forces in Tenghsien, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, in South Shantung, advancing towards the Chinese positions in the east in two columns have been driven back.

AT WUPUCHENG

KAONAN, Jan. 25 (Central)—Chinese artillery shelled Wupucheng, three miles north-west of Fenghsin, in North Kiangsi, at noon yesterday, inflicting heavy Japanese casualties.

IN TSUNGSHING

YUNGYUN, Jan. 25 (Central)—After suffering reverses, the Japanese in the outskirts of Tsungshing, important East River town, are reported to have retired to Canton and Shektan, 35 miles east of Canton.

They burned down many houses on the way and seized hundreds of cows from the farmers.

TOWNS ENTERED

LOYANG, Jan. 25 (Central)—Chinese entered Shangku, on the Lunghai Railway, 75 miles east of Kaileng, and Luyi, south-west of Shangku, in a daring raid a few days ago. The Japanese sustained some 200 casualties and their defences were destroyed.

PUPPET TROOPS

LOYANG, Jan. 25 (Central)—Two hundred puppet Chinese troops under Yu Chi-fang at Changtaikwan, 14 miles north of Sinyang, in South Honan, turned against their Japanese overlords and joined the Chinese side on Monday.

PLANE SHOT DOWN

KWEILIN, Jan. 25 (Reuter)—A Japanese plane was shot down by the Chinese near Pakhoi, West Kwangtung coastal port, on Tuesday. All five members of the crew were killed.

These are mainly from the Tung-koon district, which is still in the hands of the Japanese. Their repatriation is not possible at the present time.

The Pat Heung camp is keeping open. Government is using it at present as a stepping-off place for refugees, destitute and others who are being gradually taken off the streets in the urban areas and persuaded to go back to their native villages.

In this branch of work, the Social Centre for the Churches, situated at the old City Hall building, is daily investigating cases in conjunction with the Government.

MENDICANTS REPATRIATED

Over 400 refugees and 400 mendicants were repatriated in the month of December. They have been given free passages by the Government, three days' supply of rice and clothes provided by charitable bodies. The Foreign Auxiliary of the Red Cross Society of China has also provided seeds for those whose living are dependent on the land.

Refugees and others who are sent to the Pat Heung Camp are allowed to stay there for some time. They are examined and medical attention before repatriation.

Celebrations In Shiuikwan By Chinese

NORTH KWANGTUNG VICTORY

SHIU KWAN, Jan. 25 (Central)—Shiuikwan, the wartime capital of Kwangtung, was gallantly decorated yesterday in celebration of the recent Chinese victory in North Kwangtung.

All streets were bedecked, and new posters plastered on the walls.

20,000 AT MEETING

At least 20,000 turned out to attend the celebration meeting when banners were presented by civilian bodies to the high Chinese military authorities and telegrams were sent to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese frontline troops, congratulating them on their success.

LANTERN PARADE

In the evening a gigantic lantern parade was held. Comfort delegations from Fokien, Kiangsi, Hunan and the Canton-Hankow Railway which have arrived at Shiuikwan took active part in the celebrations. Similar celebrations were held in various other towns in Kwangtung on the same day.

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At the Fanling Races last Sunday.

Large - Scale Nazi Attack Likely Within Six Weeks

PARIS, JAN. 25 (REUTER)—A WARNING THAT A LARGE-SCALE GERMAN ATTACK MAY BE EXPECTED ANY TIME BETWEEN ONE AND ONE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS FROM NOW WAS GIVEN BY FRENCH MILITARY CIRCLES YESTERDAY.

It is urged that the present hand-locked condition of the forces on the Western Front should not be considered as a sign that inaction would continue indefinitely.

HITLER'S PLANS

It will be recalled that on Feb. 21, 1918, the Germans were ready to launch the historic Verdun offensive and, though it is impossible to forecast Herr Hitler's plans with any certainty, this example must be borne in mind.

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Havas)—It is reliably learnt that the presence of German troops in Eastern Galicia does not apparently foreshadow any changes in the territorial demarcation of Poland. Meanwhile, Italian press reports categorically deny the rumours that Russia is ceding to Germany the corridor along the Hungarian frontier, providing for free communication with Rumania.

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ese to renew the commercial treaty with the United States.

The message reads: "Consensus of opinion having condemned Japan as an aggressor and a menace to world peace, we have the honour to request you to exert your influence, as the leading Statesman of the American nation, to defeat any insidious attempt to renew the now abrogated commercial treaty, the renewal of which will mean the avowed approval of the acts of an aggressor and the sacrifice of a great nation whose integrity and independence the Nine-Power Treaty was made to maintain."

The European Y.M.C.A. "A" XI beat an H.K. Brigade, H.K.S.R.A. XI by three goals to nil in a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday. Stone, Fennington and Gemmell scored for the winners.

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Telegrams of greetings have also been received by the China Branch from many of its affiliated organizations.

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